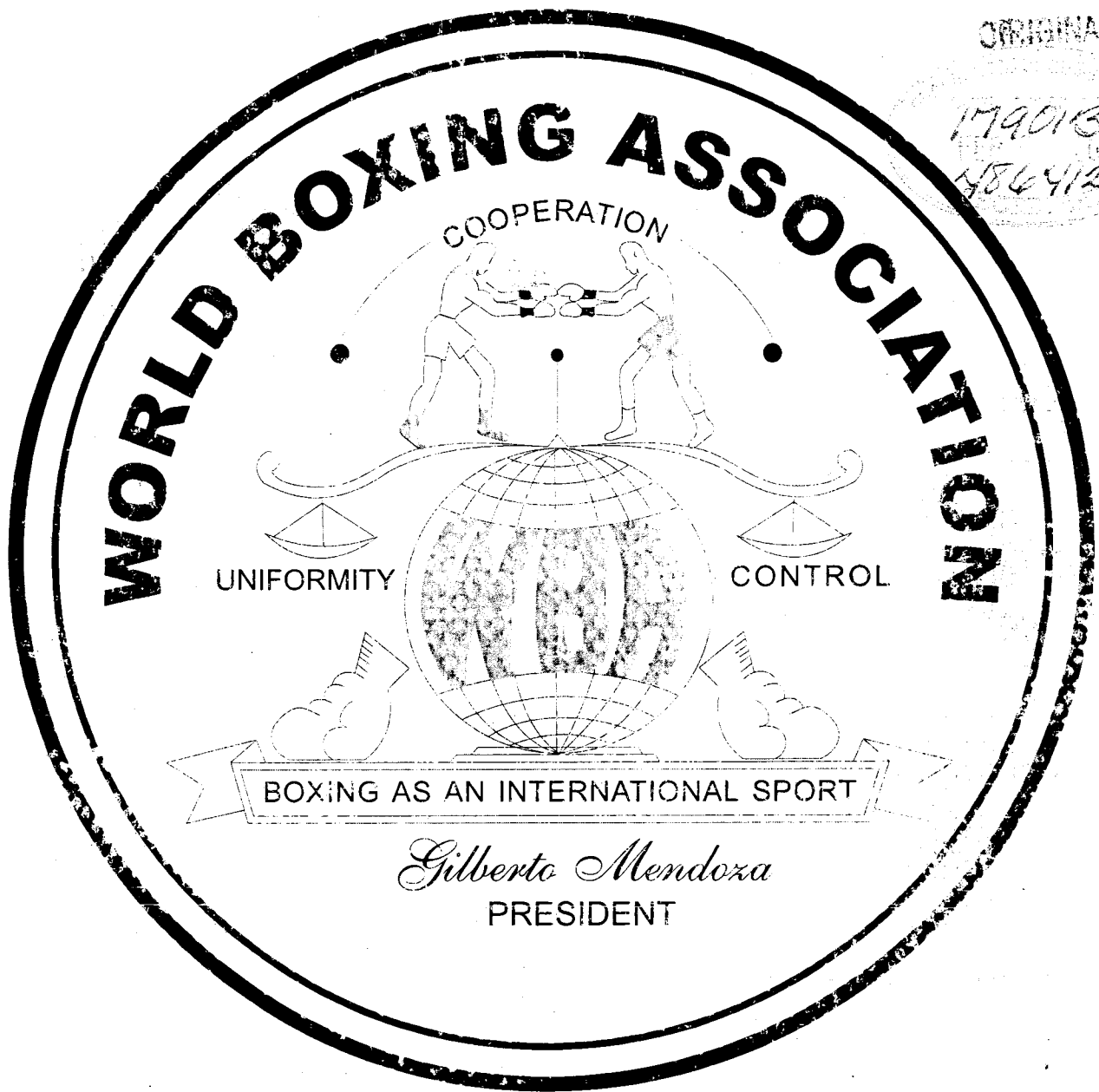


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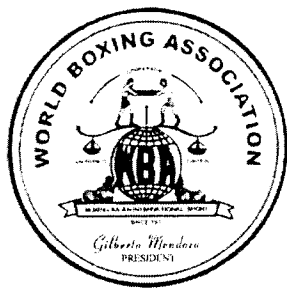
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**WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION**

**2001**



# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

GILBERTO MENDOZA

President

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## Registration Application for Sanctioning Organizations

Name of Organization: World Boxing Association

Business Address: Centro Comercial Ciudad Turmero, Local 21, Piso2, Calle Petión  
c/c Urdaneta – Turmero 2115

Telephone Number: (58-44) 631584 / 630652 / 633420 / 633347 Fax Number: (58-44)  
633177 / 638576

E-Mail Address: wbaven@telcel.net.ve

Web Site Address: wbaonline.com

President of the Organization: Eng. Francisco Gilberto Mendoza

Has your organization registered as a non-profit organization: ☒ YES ☐ NO

IF YES in what State Pennsylvania

Give the date of the incorporation March 31, 1989 (please attach the  
articles of incorporation to this form)

### Federal Law Compliance:

\* Does your organization have an "Appeals Procedure" for boxers who request an  
explanation of their ratings? ☒ YES ☐ NO, if YES attach your appeals procedures

\* Does your Web Site:

List the rankings of boxers ☒ YES ☐ NO

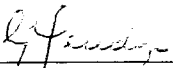
Post an explanation (within 7-days) of why there were any changes of the boxers that  
were rated in the top ten ☒ YES ☐ NO

Give a complete description of your organization's ratings criteria, policies and  
sanctioning fee schedule ☒ YES ☐ NO

List the bylaws of the organization ☒ YES ☐ NO

List your appeals procedures for a Boxer's rankings ☐ YES ☒ NO

List the business address of the organization's officials who are on the ranking  
committee ☒ YES ☐ NO

  
Signature of Organization Official

Executive Director  
Title of Official

1-31-2001  
Date

NOTE – Failure to comply with this section of the Ali Act will result in your  
organization being put on the National Suspension List and NOT being able to receive  
any funds (including sanction fees) in connection with any boxing match.

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Articles of  
Incorporation—  
Domestic Nonprofit Corporation

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
CORPORATION BUREAU

Filed this MAR 31 1989 of 19

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of State

*James J. [Signature]*

Secretary of the Commonwealth

(Box for Certification)

In compliance with the requirements of 15 Pa.C.S. 17316 (relating to articles of incorporation) the undersigned, desiring to be incorporated as a nonprofit corporation, hereby certifies (certify) that:

1. The name of the corporation is:

World Boxing Association

2. The location and post office address of the initial registered office of the corporation in this Commonwealth is:

300 Walnut Street

(NUMBER)

(STREET)

Philadelphia

Pennsylvania

19106

(ZIP CODE)

(51)

3. The corporation is incorporated under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the following purpose or purposes:

To engage in the promotion and regulation of the sport of boxing.

The corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise.

4. The term for which the corporation is to exist is: unlimited



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Robert M. Hunt  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

## ANNUAL REPORT - NONPROFIT CORPORATION

DSCB:15-5110 (Rev. 89)

In compliance with the requirements of Act 48, March 4, 1962 (relating to annual report), the undersigned domestic or qualified foreign nonprofit corporation, hereby states that:

1. The name of the corporation is: World Boxing Association, Inc.
2. The address of its principal office is:  
1930 Rt 70 East, Executive Mews, Suite D-20, Cherry Hill, N.J.  
Number and Street City State Zip 08003
3. The names and titles of the persons who are its principal officers are:

(Names)

(Titles)

Mr. Gilberto Mendoza

President

Mr. Fernando Mandry Galindez

Secretary

Ms. Lidya Gisela Sanchez G.

Treasurer

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned corporation has caused this statement to be signed by a duly authorized officer, this 29 day of October, 1994.

World Boxing Association, Inc.  
(Name of Corporation)

BY:

(Signature)

TITLE:

Treasurer

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5. The corporation is organized upon a nonstock basis.
6. (Strike out if applicable.) The corporation shall have no members.
7. (Strike out if applicable.) The incorporators shall have the right to elect the members of the corporation.
8. The names and post office addresses of each incorporator is (are)

NAME

ADDRESS  
(including street and number, if any)

Gilberto Mendoza, P.O. Box 377, Maracay 2101-A, Edo. Aragua, Venezuela

Fernando Mandry Galindez, Calle El Mango, QTA. Coronoto, Urb. San Antonio

Caracas 1050, Venezuela (incorporators) has (have) signed and sealed these Articles of Incorporation this 22nd day of March 1957.

agc (SEAL) Fernando Mandry Galindez (SEAL)

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM

- A. For general instructions relating to the incorporation of nonprofit corporations see 19 Pa. Code Ch. 29 (relating to nonprofit corporations generally). These instructions relate to such matters as corporate name, stated purposes, term of existence, authorized share structure, inclusion of names of first directors in the Articles of Incorporation, provisions on incorporation of unincorporated associations, etc.
- B. One or more corporations or natural persons of full age may incorporate a nonprofit corporation.
- C. If the corporation is to be organized upon a stock share basis Paragraph 3 should be modified accordingly.
- D. Optional provisions required or authorized by law may be added as Paragraphs 9, 10, 11, . . . etc.
- E. The following shall accompany this form.
- (1) Any necessary copies of Form DSCB-17.2 (Consent to Appropriation of Name) or Form DSCB-17.3 (Consent to Use of Similar Name).
- (2) Any necessary governmental approvals.
- F. 15 Pa.C.S. 17317 (relating to advertisement) requires that the incorporators shall advertise their intention to file or the corporation shall advertise the filing of articles of incorporation. Proof of publication of such advertising should not be delivered to the Department, but should be filed with the minutes of the corporation.

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## **CREED FOR BOXING**

By Abe Greene

To the preservation and development of boxing as a universal sport and its potential as a developer of young manhood and the expansion of greater amity and accord among nations of the world, the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION dedicates these rules and regulations.

WBA was conceived and functions as truly altruistic body designed for the protection of its millions of matched contestants in a duel of skill and gladiatorial mastery, under proper and orderly supervision.

Boxing is a natural expression of man's innate competitive spirit and therefore truly the only sport which is practiced in every corner of the globe. From the early days of worldly existence, men have competed one-to-one to establish superiority.

It is herein suggested that the proof of boxing's established place in the universe is the hope that mankind may substitute its spirit and essence for the fateful and deplorable resort to deadly wars. Better that competitive fans may sit in arenas to cheer their respective opponent on to a sporting decision by its peers than to threaten world destruction in unreasoned wars of nuclear annihilation.

World Boxing Association represents the respective boxing Commissions of countries, territories, states and provinces whose proper governing authorities have been admitted to membership.

These rules and regulations strive for uniformity of conduct of the sports within and outside the ring; for uniformity of scoring; for systematic rating of boxers in all divisions, leading to an orderly opportunity for title aspirants and challengers as providing for systematic title defenses by champions; for orderly conduct of managers and seconds in the ring and out and, in general, to provide a high standard of administration and behavior.

To this end, the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION counsels its members to become aware of the provisions of these rules and regulations and thus sustain boxing's good name.



**THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION**  
**IN ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD IN THE CITY OF**  
**PANAMA, REPUBLIC OF PANAMA,**  
**FROM OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> TO OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 1991**

Required the vote of the Professional Boxing Commissions assistant members in the Convention of the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION, it was agreed to recognize the ASSOCIATION:

I.- As the most representative organization of Professional Boxing, where the right application of the fundamental principles of ethics, moral, loyalty, honesty and good faith can be found, considered as the main values which orientates all legitimate activity of the Professional Boxing Worldwide.

II.- The Crystal of Mirror where all collective actions find its faithful reflection in order to reach the goals set, where truth, prestige and authority which identify the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION are always found.

III.- With the purpose of maintaining its integrity and strengthening its autonomy, through the concerted action of all its members, acting within the frame of the fundamental principles contained in this Constitution; in agreement with the other Juridical Provisions which integrate same, in order to create and promote the Professional Boxing and, especially, the matters directly related to the fighters.

IV.- Cooperating with any Entity, Organization, or natural or juridical person related to the Boxing Activity in those countries where this activity is solidarily supported, contains in their juridical orders, and achieve common goals increasing the Moral Patrimony of the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION.

**THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION HEREBY APPROVED.**

# **WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **TITLE I**

#### **GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

**ARTICLE 1:** The ASSOCIATION hereby incorporated is named WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 2:** The WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION, herein called the ASSOCIATION, is a voluntary non-profit organization, with legal status and its own net worth, different from those of its members, with authorities who represent it and bodies which administer it with the intention of ensuring the best control, efficiency and uniformity in the supervision and effective regulation of professional boxing, as well as its development and assistance worldwide. The ASSOCIATION is comprised of duly authorized and legally established entities, which regulate, control and supervise professional boxing in their respective jurisdictions.

**ARTICLE 3:** The ASSOCIATION's domicile shall be wherever the President locates or installs the ASSOCIATION's main offices.

**ARTICLE 4:** The ASSOCIATION shall exercise its authority and carry out its activities anywhere in the world in accordance with the provisions of its CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, REGULATIONS and RULES, and for their effective control the supervision and application of all its Legal Bases are divided into five (5) Areas or Regions:

- 1) NORTH AMERICA
- 2) SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
- 3) EUROPE
- 4) ASIA AND OCEANIA
- 5) AFRICA

## **TITLE II**

### **OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**ARTICLE 5:** The ASSOCIATION shall inspire and promote better public acceptance of boxing as an international sport and shall assist in the formation of the personality of the boxers and other members of the boxing family.

**ARTICLE 6:** The ASSOCIATION shall carry out, in addition to the activities indicated in this Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Rules and other Legal Bases are the following:

- a) The ASSOCIATION shall establish and recognize World Championships in each of the weight categories or divisions which are established in its regulations and shall recognize as title holders of them those professional boxers who have been credited with such recognition in accordance with the norms adopted by the ASSOCIATION, including the World Championship Regulations and Rules. Nevertheless, the ASSOCIATION reserves the right to suspend or cancel the recognition of a World Champion, due to the breach or default of the ASSOCIATION's rules, or for conduct that damages the good name, integrity and prestige of the ASSOCIATION.
- b) The ASSOCIATION shall require and receive from its members and other boxing authorities throughout the world, results of the competitions of professional boxing carried out in their respective jurisdictions as soon as they are held, and containing in addition, information regarding the performance, suspension, cancellation or any measure taken regarding the licenses of professional boxers, representatives, trainers, seconds, promoters officials and other persons connected to the activity of professional boxing, as well as information regarding the physical and mental health of the boxers.



- c) The ASSOCIATION shall adopt a distinctive symbol for the World Championship in each of the recognized weight divisions, the Belt of the World Champion shall be awarded to the champions duly recognized by the ASSOCIATION with the object of being exhibited in each of their defenses to constitute testimony of the effort culminated by the athlete.
- d) The ASSOCIATION shall also provide the World Champions with certificates evidencing their recognition as Champion in the respective category or division.
- e) The ASSOCIATION may create certificates or other types of recognition to be awarded to boxers and other persons who have reached a high distinction in the performance of their respective activities in professional boxing.
- f) With the purpose of selecting the boxers who meet the requirements, which accredit them to participate as challengers in World Championship Fights, the ASSOCIATION shall publish monthly an official list of Rankings. These Rankings shall contain the names of the boxers selected in each recognized category or division of weight by means of an ordered listing which shall be presented in the form of ranking of the most outstanding boxers up to a maximum of fifteen (15) boxers in each weight category.

No boxer who has been the object of any legal measure, which in any way limits the full exercise of his rights or who is in jail as a result of a sentence, shall, in any way, be ranked or recognized by the ASSOCIATION. In the same way, the ASSOCIATION may refrain from ranking or maintaining any relationship with a boxer or persons involved in acts or conducts which are damaging the good name, integrity or prestige of the ASSOCIATION or of boxing.

g) The ASSOCIATION, by reason of the ends and objectives indicated in this Constitution, shall enact and apply rules and norms of conduct, orientation, solution of conflicts, and in general, to regulate all activities which are related to these ends and objects and to professional boxing. In particular, the ASSOCIATION shall enact and apply rules to guarantee its efficiency and functioning and to approve fights under its control.

h) The members of the ASSOCIATION, of whatever class, and solely due to having been accepted as such, and who in said capacity have received titles or have been awarded any other distinction, office or name, accept without reserve all the norms and decisions handed down by the ASSOCIATION related to World Championships and in any other matter included in the norms of its Constitution, Bylaws or Regulations.

However, the right is recognized of any person, organ or official affected by a decision to appeal to the organ who should hear him pursuant to the provisions of the respective Legal Bases.

i) The ASSOCIATION shall stimulate and assist the sport of boxing throughout the world and shall make every effort to improve public relations through educational and promotional activities.

j) The ASSOCIATION shall stimulate the exercise of sport as a mean of developing good health and as a measure to counteract the increase of activities which affect it, and in particular to fight drug abuse.

k) The ASSOCIATION, in order to meet better its ends and objectives may, in any way, acquire, dispose of, give in use and encumber all types of assets, and also carry out all types of legal acts.

**TITLE III**  
**ON ITS MEMBERS**

**ARTICLE 7:** The ASSOCIATION shall have the following categories of Members: Regular Members, Associates Members and Honorary Members.

**ARTICLE 8:** Are eligible to be REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE WBA:

1. Official entities duly authorized to organize and direct boxing in a territorial division, such as Boxing Commissions and National Federations.
2. International Organizations and Federations recognized and affiliated to the WBA. These organizations are international entities accepted and recognized by the WBA; integrated by the boxing representation based on the countries affiliated and accepted by the WBA.
3. Sub-regional Federations. These are organizations constituted by National Commissions and Federations affiliated, accepted and recognized by the WBA.

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall be eligible to be Associate Members those persons who have licenses issued by a Regular Member of the ASSOCIATION such as managers, boxers, promoters, international officials and any other person related to the activities of professional boxing, included those related to any of the media communications, who have a license issued by a Regular Member. The boxers, promoters, managers and international officials, as well as all the other members indicated hereunder and who are up-to-date in their obligations with the WBA shall be entitled to be heard at the meetings or Conventions of the ASSOCIATION and may submit requests of applications.

**ARTICLE 10:** Honorary Members of the ASSOCIATION shall be the Ex-Presidents, who may attend all meetings of the Directory and the Annual Conventions

at which they will be entitled to be heard and to vote providing they are present at the respective meeting of the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 11:** In order to be admitted as a Regular Member or Associate Member, the applying entity or person must previously be recognized and accepted by the WBA through its Directory and must comply with the following requirements:

A. For National Commissions and Federations

- 1) Request in writing to the ASSOCIATION through the President of the WBA the respective affiliation.
- 2) Accompany the application for affiliation with documents issued by the corresponding authority in its country of origin that certifies it as National Commission or Federation with authority and power enough to regulate and/or supervise professional boxing.
- 3) Accompany the application form with the advanced payment of admission fee stipulated at the request moment. At the moment of this amendment approval the fee was of five hundred dollars (\$ 500.00), United States currency.
- 4) Be accepted and recognized as so by the Directory.

B. For International Boxing Organizations and Federations of the WBA

- 1) Request in writing to the ASSOCIATION through the President of the WBA the respective affiliation.
- 2) Accompany the application form with documents that certifies the existence of the organization, its constitution and/or Bylaws or any other document according to the case.
- 3) Be accepted and recognized as so by the Directory.

C. For all the other Associate Members (managers, promoters, boxers, international officials and others:

- 1) Request in writing to the ASSOCIATION through the President of the WBA the respective affiliation.
- 2) Prove to the WBA his corresponding status with a certification issued by any local authority Sub-regional or international affiliated tot the WBA.
- 3) Accompany the application form with the advanced payment of admission fee stipulated at the request moment.
- 4) Be recognized and accepted by the Directory.
- 5) At the moment of the approval of this amendment the affiliation fees are the following:

MANAGERS      US\$ 1,000.00

PROMOTERS      US\$ 4,000.00 (Before February 28)  
US\$ 5,000.00 (After February 28)

OFFICIALS      US\$ 300.00

The admission fees and the annual renewal fees of the different members categories will be paid to the ASSOCIATION according to the fee that the Directory set or modify every year. Every Associate Member applicant will be qualified and classified by the Directory in the respective category according to the activity he really performs in the professional boxing. The requests must be presented in the period between the Directory meetings and they will be temporarily qualified by the ASSOCIATION Treasurer who will submit them to definite consideration of the Directory in its following meeting.

### **SOLE PARAGRAPH**

At the moment of the approval of this amendment, the WBA has recognized and accepted as International Organizations to: PABA, FEDELATIN, WBANA, WBA AFRICA, WBA EUROPE. In the same way, FEDEBOL, FEDECENTRO, FEDESUR AND FEDECARIBE are accepted and recognized as Sub-regional Federations.

**ARTICLE 12:** In special cases, when there are members of the ASSOCIATION in whose jurisdiction professional boxing is abolished for causes beyond the control of said members, this quality or recognition shall be suspended. Nevertheless, the affected Member may submit an application for temporary incorporation before the Directory which, at its best discretion, shall recommend or not his provisional acceptance as a member in the corresponding category or class.

**ARTICLE 13:** The rights to vote at the ASSOCIATION'S Convention will the following way:

1. The International Boxing Organizations and Federations of the WBA are entitled to two (2) votes that will be manifested by its President and its Vice president, and in case of their absence, by the people that follow them in hierarchy. In addition, they will be entitled to one (1) additional vote in the Conventions or Assembly for every ten (10) countries affiliated to them, and one (1) additional vote for every five (5) world title fights of the WBA held in their regions. Another additional (1) vote for every ten (10) title fights that credits the champion of the geographical zone or the area under its supervision and control.
2. The Sub-regional Boxing Federation of the WBA will be entitled to one (1) vote that will be expressed by its president, and in case of absence, by the next person in hierarchy.

3. Notwithstanding the expressed in the points 1 and 2 of this disposition regarding the regional votes qualification, and to recognized the historical continuity in the managing, trajectory and support demonstrated by the commissions and countries recognized in the Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1983, it is kept the right to one (1) vote for every country that was represented in that convention provided they continue being member on the WBA, plus one (1) additional vote for every four (4) commissions in the same situation.

Following the transcription of the referred countries with the respective right to vote:

COUNTRY	Nº OF VOTES
ARGENTINA	1
CANADA	1
CHILE	1
CHINA	1
COLOMBIA	1
DENMARK	1
ECUADOR	1
U.S.A	1+3
PHILIPPINES	1
GREAT BRITAIN	1
GUYANA	1
HAITI	1
JAPAN	1+1
KOREA	1
NICARAGUA	1
PANAMA	1+1
PERU	1
SOUTH -AFRICA	1+1

THAILAND	1
TRINIDAD	1
VENEZUELA	1+2
INDONESIA	1
NORWAY	1

When a country is entitled to more than one (1) vote, the first vote will be expressed by the person appointed by the respective authority of the country of origin, and the remaining vote or votes will be expressed by the national or nationals of the mentioned country member of the Directory according to the prelation order.

Each additional vote for title fights of the WBA will be expressed by the dignitary of the respective entity that follows in hierarchy to the one or those who expressed the principal votes.

Whenever, due to the local legislation or any other reason, any country cannot continue being a member of the Association, according to what is established in point 3 of article 13 of this Constitution, and that country is entitled to vote as boxing commission, this vote can be exercised through the International Federation or organisms recognized by the WBA, which are named in the sole paragraph or article 11 of this constitution.

4. Those promoters who are duly accepted and recognized as associate members of the WBA and who are up-to-date in their obligations and that have promoted five (5) WBA world title fights during the period between October 01 and September 30 immediately before the celebration of the Annual Convention, will be entitled to one (1) vote in the assemblies or conventions in all those issues that does not involve elections, amendments to the constitution, nor any case in which there might be a conflict of interest.



To compute the additional votes based on title fights, there will be taken into consideration the activity carried out between October 01 and September 30 immediately before the celebration of the Annual Convention.

**ARTICLE 14:** In all cases of demarcation, city or country where professional boxing is held regularly, duly proven by the President of the ASSOCIATION, capable of holding fights between boxers who either have been ranked or can be ranked by the ASSOCIATION, or World Title Fights, and such entity is neither represented nor affiliated, the President, if he considers it pertinent, may designate a representative to act as a link between the ASSOCIATION and the authorities of professional boxing of the pertinent territorial entity, for it to appoint a representative who could attend the annual conventions of the ASSOCIATION with the right to be heard but not to vote. This representative shall not be subject to annual payments, he may not elect or be elected to any of the ASSOCIATION's offices, but he may be a member of its Committees, except for the Executive Committee, World Championships Committee the Ranking Committee, the Legislative Committee, the Credential Committee and the Ethics Committee. If at a later date, it becomes affiliated to the ASSOCIATION by creation of the respective organization, the representative's function shall cease; and he shall be registered in the ASSOCIATION with the capacity assigned its respective territorial entity by said organization. The application for admission shall be presented to the President of the ASSOCIATION who shall process same with the opinion of the Director of the Finance Committee and the Director of the Credentials Committee. The acceptance as a member obliges the person who obtains such acceptance to comply with the Constitution, the Bylaws and Regulations of the ASSOCIATION and to keep and to have the decisions taken by the different bodies and authorities of same duly obeyed.

This provision does not limit the right of any member to make use of the pertinent appeals before the corresponding bodies and authorities of the ASSOCIATION. The

exercise of the right to vote by these members at the ASSOCIATION's annual conventions is subject to the provisions of Article 8, 9, 13 and 18 of this Constitution.

**ARTICLE 15:** The present members of the ASSOCIATION who are affiliated to more than one commission shall maintain their present condition and rights and the number of votes they have at the time according to the Article 13 of this Constitution. Nevertheless, if they register and accept new commissions, they shall exclusively share the votes to which the country they represent is entitled.

**ARTICLE 16:** The controlling and enforcement bodies of the ASSOCIATION are:

- 1) The Executive Committee;
- 2) The Ranking Committee;
- 3) The World Championships Committee;
- 4) The Legislative Committee;
- 5) The Credentials Committee;
- 6) The Medical Committee,
- 7) The Finance Committee

as well as any other body and/or authority which has been created by the competent authority in accordance with the Constitution and other Legal Bases of the ASSOCIATION.

No person who has cooperated in any way with boxing organizations formed as a consequence of secessionist movements against the World Boxing Association or with persons who participate in these movements, may in any way hold the office of President or any other directive office or be members of committees of ASSOCIATION. This norm is applicable with the same force to any persons who have cooperated in any way with persons, groups or organizations which have been expelled from the World Boxing Association.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: For their integral operation and the efficient execution of all their acts, the above named bodies of government and authorities of the ASSOCIATION shall have the duties, obligations, attributes, powers and prerogatives established in this Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations and other Legal Bases which govern it and bind all its active members to the activity of professional boxing worldwide.

#### **TITLE IV**

##### **GOVERNING BODIES AND AUTHORITIES**

**ARTICLE 17:** The governing bodies of the ASSOCIATION shall be made up to four (4) maximum authorities, which shall be:

- a) The General Assembly or Convention
- b) The Directory
- c) The Executive Committee
- d) The President

**ARTICLE 18:** The Convention or General Assembly is the supreme authority of the ASSOCIATION and shall be made up of the duly accepted regular members who are up to date in the payment of their economic obligations and who have been such members for at least one year.

**ARTICLE 19:** The quorum of the General Assembly shall be one third of its regular members who are qualified to vote.

**ARTICLE 20:** During the period which elapses between each annual convention, the Executive Committee, formed by the Members indicated hereunder, shall have in its charge the functioning of all matters of the ASSOCIATION which are not expressly assigned to the Directory or other body in accordance with the

faculties and attributes established in the Bylaws, the Regulations and other Legal Bases of ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 21:** The quorum for the meeting of the Executive Committee is made up of the majority of its members unless otherwise specifically indicated in the Legal Bases, all decisions of the Executive Committee shall be adopted by the majority of the votes of the members who are entitled to vote and who attend the respective meeting. In the event of a tie, the President's vote shall be the deciding vote.

**ARTICLE 22:** The President shall be the superior authority of the ASSOCIATION during the recess between the General Convention or Assembly and the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee was created, and it will substitute the Directory Board of the WBA. The members listed below shall form this Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE 23:** The following persons are members of the Executive Committee.

- 1) The President
- 2) The Executive Secretary
- 3) The Treasurer
- 4) The Ratings Committee Chairman
- 5) The Championships Committee Chairman
- 6) The Legislative Committee Chairman
- 7) The Legal Adviser
- 8) The International Commissioner
- 9) The International Coordinator
- 10) The Medical Advisory Committee Chairman
- 11) The Regional Vice-Presidents
  - a) Africa and Europe (WBAI)

- b) Latin America (FEDELATIN)
- c) North America (WBANA / NABA)
- d) Orient and Pacific (PABA)

**ARTICLE 24:** The following persons are members of the Directory:

- 1) The President
- 2) The four ( 4 ) Vice Presidents (listed in order of importance as first, second, third and fourth)
- 3) The Treasurer
- 4) The Executive Secretary
- 5) The International Coordinator
- 6) The Legal Adviser
- 7) The Chairman of the Medical Committee
- 8) The Chairman of the Legislative Committee
- 9) The Chairman of the Public Relations Committee
- 10) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the World Championship Committee
- 11) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Ranking Committee
- 12) The Administrative Adviser
- 13) The General Adviser
- 14) The International Commissioner
- 15) The Presidents and Vice presidents of every International Boxing Organization or International Boxing Federations
- 16) The Ex Presidents who meet the conditions stated herein

**ARTICLE 25:** Each member of the Executive Committee or of the Directory shall be entitled to one (1) vote no matter the number of posts he occupies.

**ARTICLE 26:** The appointment of the different members of the Directory shall be carried out as follows:

- a) The President, the four (4) Vice Presidents, the International Coordinator and the International Commissioner shall be elected by majority of votes at the

Annual Convention at which elections are held. They shall remain in office for a period of four (4) years, that is, until the next Annual Convention at which elections are held. To be elected President it is necessary to have been member of the Directory for a period no less than five (5) years, time in which he must have worked for the protection, strengthening and efficiency of the ASSOCIATION's objectives. The presidential period shall be of four (4) years. The President of the Association can be reelected immediately, and for only one time for an additional period. Except for the President, absolute post vacancies of any of these office shall be assigned temporarily to the person or persons designated by the President, who shall notify this fact to the next convention for this body to fill the vacancy for the rest of the period.

The International Commissioner shall be an Ex-Chairman of the ASSOCIATION of well known prestige and experience, and he shall advise and assist the President and other Chairmen in matters of relevant importance as required from him because of his expertise, and he shall act as a Member of the Directory with voice and vote.

- b) The Presidents and Vice Presidents of the International Boxing Organizations and Federations shall be elected by majority of votes at the Annual Convention by the delegated of the respective regions. They shall remain in office for a period of two (2) years.
- c) The Treasurer, the Executive Secretary, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the World Championships Committee, the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Ranking Committee, the Legal Adviser, the Medical Committee Chairman, the Administrative Adviser, the General Adviser, the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and the Director of the Public Relations Committee, shall be freely appointed and/or removed be the President.

**ARTICLE 27:** All members of the Directory, except by the International Commissioner and the Ex Presidents must fulfill any of the following requirements at the moment of their election:

1. Must be an active member in any way of an International Boxing Organization or Federation, any of the Sub-regional Boxing Federation or Country or Commission recognized by the ASSOCIATION.
2. Be appointed in any function within an International Boxing Organization or Federation, any of the Sub-regional Boxing Federation or Country or Commission recognized by the ASSOCIATION.
3. To have been Member of the Directory of the ASSOCIATION for at least five (5) years.

**ARTICLE 28:** The members of the Directory who are appointed by the President shall hold office for a period of four (4) years unless removed prior to that time.

## **TITLE V**

### **FINANCES**

**ARTICLE 29:** The President, together with the Treasurer, shall be in charge of all matters related to the ASSOCIATION's Finances.

The President and the Treasurer are the persons authorized to open and operate bank accounts with any institution in the world as they consider convenient. In addition, they are the sole persons who are authorized to delegate and indicate the persons who, by delegation, may move funds, dispose of same, and draw checks. With this delegation, they may also indicate the amount of money which can be moved or drawn by the persons delegated as well as the other conditions of the delegations.

The President and the Secretary are authorized to issue resolutions and certifications of resolutions, which are required by banks for the opening, close, operation, and movement of the respective accounts.

**ARTICLE 30:** It is the Treasurer's obligation to present to the Annual Convention a report, which contains mainly the information concerning the budget activities of the immediately previous year. In the same way, he shall submit the budget for the following year to the consideration of the Annual Convention for approval, rejection or modification. In the event that the convention does not approve the new budget for any reason, the budget for the prior year shall be considered in effect.

**ARTICLE 31:** Any disbursement of the ASSOCIATION shall be made by the President and the Treasurer, in accordance with the annual budget.

**ARTICLE 32:** The ASSOCIATION's resources are comprised of the annual payment of his members, annual payments of promoters, payment of authorizations or fees established for World Championship fights and other activities of the ASSOCIATION, any donations which it receives and the sums and assets which it receives for any other concept.

**ARTICLE 33:** The ASSOCIATION shall be at liberty to dispose of assets and it may acquire, transfer, give the use of and encumber any of them.

**ARTICLE 34:** The Executive Committee has the faculty to approve items and expenses which were not considered in the Annual Budget when circumstances so require and he shall have the obligation of informing the Treasurer of same for inclusion in the report to the next convention. These items and expenses may not exceed THIRTY PERCENT (30 %) of the Annual Budget.

**ARTICLE 35:** The President is empowered to approve items and expenses which have not been approved or included in the annual budget, these items and



expenses may not exceed THIRTY PERCENT (30 %) of the Annual Budget. The President must inform the Treasurer of such expenses to be included in the following Convention report.

**ARTICLE 36:** The payments of members of the ASSOCIATION shall be uniform and must be previously approved by the Directory.

**ARTICLE 37:** The fiscal year to cover payments shall be the same as the calendar year.

**ARTICLE 38:** All expenses or payments over two hundred dollars (\$ 200.00) must be duly documented for the respective payment to be made. All expenses up to and less than that amount may be approved by the President and the Treasurer, and shall only be required a report from the member making the expense.

## **TITLE VI**

### **ON MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE 39:** The Annual Conventions of the ASSOCIATION shall be held during the last quarter of the calendar year.

**ARTICLE 40:** Special conventions may be held, called by the President when he considers them necessary.

**ARTICLE 41:** During the Annual Convention, the place where the convention shall be held the following year, as well as an alternate site, will be chosen by majority of votes. In the event that it cannot be held at the principal site, the alternate site will become the site of the respective convention. In spite of the above, the Executive Committee, by majority vote may approve a different site from that elected

at the convention when there are reasons of sufficient weight and importance to justify it.

**ARTICLE 42:** At the ASSOCIATION's conventions the quorum to set up same shall become one third of its regular members who are qualified to vote and who are up to date in their obligations with the ASSOCIATION. The quorum for the respective meetings shall comprise FIFTY PERCENT (50%) of members who are qualified to vote and who are registered at the convention. The treasurer shall provide the convention, through the Credentials Committee with this information.

**ARTICLE 43:** At the meetings of the annual convention, the following work order shall be submitted:

- 1) Report from the Credentials Committee
- 2) Verification of the quorum
- 3) Reading of the Minutes of the previous Convention for approval or modification.
- 4) Report by the members of the Directory
- 5) Pending matters
- 6) Election of dignitaries.
- 7) Resolutions
- 8) Various matters
- 9) Close

The previous order of work may be modified or changed when so proposed by at least one (1) Regular Members and approved by the majority at the respective meeting.

**ARTICLE 44:** The President of the ASSOCIATION shall have the power and authority both at annual conventions and at other meetings of the ASSOCIATION, to call Executive Meetings of work groups to better process the matters.

**TITLE VII**  
**CONFLICT WITH LOCAL LAWS**

**ARTICLE 45:** No provision of this Constitution shall prevail on any Member Commission in the event that they are incompatible or contrary to the governing laws in the respective territory. In spite of the above, the Rules and Regulations which govern World Championship fights or approved by the ASSOCIATION, shall be of obligatory compliance and shall prevail the local Rules and provisions in said fights.

**ARTICLE 46:** To facilitate compliance of the foregoing article, all applications to authorize a World Championship Fight shall be accompanied with a signed declaration from the promoter and the respective boxers, undertaking that the fight will be governed by the ASSOCIATION's Rules and Regulations on World Championships.

**TITLE VII**  
**AMENDMENTS**

**ARTICLE 47:** It shall correspond to the Convention or general assembly, with the vote of two third (2/3) of its members who are present to vote, to decide on any amendment of the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Rules. The amendments approved by the Convention shall have immediate effect except if the respective provision states otherwise.

**ARTICLE 48:** Any amendment relating to the loss of the quality of being a member shall require to vote of two third (2/3) of the members who are qualified to vote, and who are registered at the respective convention, adopted at a convention at which there is no legal impediment for attendance by all Regular Members. To reach this decision, the vote of the affected member shall not be taken.

**ARTICLE 49:** For the consideration of the proposals which comprise the modifications or amendments, the following procedures shall be followed:

- 1) The proponent shall present to the Legislative Committee the amendments proposed, at the latest forty-five (45) days before the Annual Convention. The Legislative Committee on its own initiative may also present proposals of amendments.
- 2) The Legislative Committee shall write the proposed amendments in adequate language.
- 3) The Legislative Committee shall inform the proponent of any difficulties or problems that may be created by amendment.
- 4) The Legislative Committee shall succinctly explain the purpose of the amendment.
- 5) The Legislative Committee, if it considers convenient, may express its point of view with regard to the proposed amendments.
- 6) The Legislative Committee shall send to the Executive Secretary all the amendments proposed together with its report on same, preferably twenty (20) days before the Annual Convention.
- 7) The Executive Secretary, in turn, shall prepare a copy on the proposed amendments to be distributed to all Regular Members of the ASSOCIATION when they register at the Convention.

When the amendments are to the Regulations or Rules, the Executive Committee may consider them and approve them, temporarily. These Regulations and Rules approved by two thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee shall have immediate effect.

The Executive Committee shall have the obligation of presenting said approved modifications to the Annual Convention, which will approve them, reject them or

modify them. In the event that the modifications are not presented at the following Annual Convention, they shall cease to take effect.

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# **WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION**

## **BYLAWS**

### **CHAPTER I**

#### **ON GENERAL MEETINGS DUTIES, FACULTIES AND ATTRIBUTES**

**ARTICLE 1:** The General Assembly shall have the following faculties:

- 1) To classify its members, based on the report by the Credential Committee.
- 2) To approve or modify the general income and expense budget of the ASSOCIATION.
- 3) To elect by majority vote of members present, the authorities which govern the ASSOCIATION, for whose appointment in a different mechanism has not been established.

At the Annual General Assembly, and when declared open, any of the members present who are qualified to vote may present to the consideration of the meeting the name or names of members who are present except for the justified cause, to be included among those who are to be considered as candidates in the election of offices for which they have been postulated.

- 4) To be informed and decide on the petitions to withdraw recognition of a regular member of the ASSOCIATION, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Bylaws and the Regulations of the ASSOCIATION.

- 5) To be informed of, approve, reject with or without modification any amendment which may be made to the Constitution and Bylaws of the ASSOCIATION, or to other Legal Bases which govern it.
- 6) To be informed of, approve, support or censure the administration of any of its bodies, members and authorities.

***CHAPTER II***  
***ON THE DIRECTORY DUTIES,***  
***FACULTIES AND ATTRIBUTES***

**ARTICLE 2:** The Directory, as consultative organ has the following attributions:

- a) To exercise the maximum authority of the ASSOCIATION in the absence of the General Assembly.
- b) To be informed of, approve or reject with or without modifications temporarily, any amendments, which are presented by its members or other officers of the ASSOCIATION, making any pertinent comments and recommendations.
- c) To be informed of and decide on those matters which are submitted to its consideration by the president or which are submitted in writing by one third (1/3) of its members.
- d) Modifies regulations, supervises fights.
- e) Establishes and develops the Regional Boxing Development, propitiating the decentralization as a way to stimulate the boxing world.
- f) Watches and norm the Regional Development.



- g) Develop, expand and continue the plans and KO Drugs programs.
- h) Update and stimulate the fulfillment of the protection measures for boxers, such as the three knockdown rule, previous weight-in, official weight-in, medical examination, antidoping.
- i) Encourage the transparency of the World Title Fights.

**ARTICLE 3:** The President of the ASSOCIATION, at any time, may request from the Executive Committee a vote by any mechanism which will guarantee the authenticity (mail, telegraph, telephone, telefax, telegram, letter, e-mail, etc.) which can be registered and with notification of delivery. In those cases, the President shall recommend the adoption of a measure and the votes that are not cast shall be considered as favorable to the President's recommendation. In these cases, for the voting to be consenting, a majority of favorable votes from the members of the Executive Committee shall be required. The President shall immediately proceed to inform the members of the Executive Committee of the results of the vote, indicating the number of favorable votes and the number of votes against.

**ARTICLE 4:** In addition to what is established in the Constitution, the Board of Directors shall cooperate with the President's management in all matters requested by him. It may authorize extraordinary expenses upon written and reasoned request from the President and the Treasurer, as well as approve and modify the place where the convention is held.

**ARTICLE 5:** It is faculty of the President, to invite any of the active members of the Directory or of the ASSOCIATION as special guests whenever the Executive Committee agenda requires it.

### ***CHAPTER III***

#### **ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES, FACULTIES AND ATTRIBUTES**

**ARTICLE 6:** During the period between each yearly General Assembly, a committee formed by the President and the members elected at the respective annual convention, together with those appointed by the President, shall make up the Executive Committee, which shall be in charge of all matters concerning the ASSOCIATION, in accordance with the attributes indicated herein:

- 1) To meet when called by the President, considering at least one meeting necessary between each annual and general meeting.
- 2) To approve the reports presented to each meeting by its members or other officers of the ASSOCIATION, and make any pertinent comments and recommendations.
- 3) To be informed of, approve or reject with or without modifications temporarily, any amendments that are presented by its members or other officers of the ASSOCIATION, making any pertinent comments and recommendations.

**ARTICLE 7:** All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by a majority of votes of those members present at the respective meeting. In the event of a tie, the President's vote shall be the deciding vote.

**ARTICLE 8:** At the time each Annual Convention is held, the President and other members of the Executive Committee shall present a report on their respective activities and recommendations, for due information and approval of the meeting.

**ARTICLE 9:** Any temporary or absolute absences shall be filled by whomsoever the President appoints, without prejudice to those offices which are elected by the General Assembly, in which case, the appointment will be temporary.

**ARTICLE 10:** The duties which must be carried out by the members of the Executive Committee, as well as the duties of those appointed by the President, either accidentally or temporarily, shall be voluntary, and in no case shall any payment or reimbursement be required, except where these Bylaws state otherwise.

***CHAPTER IV***  
***ON THE PRESIDENT DUTIES,***  
***FACULTIES AND***  
***ATTRIBUTES***

**ARTICLE 11:** The President shall have the following attributes:

- 1) To exercise the Association's representation in accordance with the attributes established in the Bylaws and the Constitution.
- 2) To exercise the representation of the ASSOCIATION at a National and International level, in all lawful acts, of any nature whatsoever, and in all those acts which are necessary in carrying out his duties.
- 3) The appointment and removal of the different directors and committee members and of those who should make up same, in order to attain the proposal and objectives of the ASSOCIATION, as well as any other officers, which in his opinion, are necessary and which are indicated in the Articles of the Constitution of the ASSOCIATION, except for those cases where the Association's Legal Bases indicate otherwise.

- 4) To call meetings of the Executive Committee or Directory when circumstances make it advisable.
- 5) To order a call to hold Annual Conventions, in the place decided upon the General Annual Assembly or a special meeting, in accordance with the Bylaws.
- 6) To authorize all payments to be made, and issued by the respective checks or payment vouchers if payment is in cash, which are necessary for its functioning, ends and objectives. The Treasurer shall oversee all disbursements to be made by the ASSOCIATION and shall be correctly processed in accordance with general accepted accounting principles.
- 7) To decide on creating those committees which, in his opinion, are advisable.
- 8) To direct the Annual and Special General Meetings and meetings of the Directory or Executive Committee.
- 9) To call when circumstances make it necessary, special general meetings, stating the causes which justify the call providing that such meeting has been requested by at least one-third (1/3) of the Association's active members.
- 10) To appoint the Association's representative for each World Championship fight in order to ensure compliance with the regulations established for the recognition and validity of all World Championship fights.
- 11) To appoint officers (judges and referees) for each World Championship Fight, even when so established by the parties in the respective agreements.

- 12) To authorize, jointly with the Treasurer, the credentials of all members of the ASSOCIATION.
- 13) To call, even within the period of holding Annual Conventions, meeting of the Executive Committee or Directory.
- 14) To sign bilateral or multilateral agreements, which are to the Association's benefit, and reporting to the Annual Assembly, immediately such agreements are signed.

**ARTICLE 12:** The President is the sole member of the Association who is authorized to provide information publicly and officially regarding the Association's own affairs. Any information produced by any member of the Association shall be considered as a simple personal opinion.

**ARTICLE 13:** The President of the ASSOCIATION is responsible for his actions, in accordance with the Constitution, the Bylaws and the Regulations of the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 14:** The temporary or absolute absence of the President shall be filled by one of the vice-presidents, in the order of their election.

**ARTICLE 15:** The President shall take possession of his office together with the other authorities elected by the General Assembly and with those appointed by the President, at the closing ceremony of the Annual Convention of the ASSOCIATION at which they were elected and appointed respectively.

**ARTICLE 16:** The President of the ASSOCIATION, at any time, may request from the Directory a vote by any mechanism which will guarantee the authenticity (mail, telegraph, telephone, telefax, telegram, letter, e-mail, etc.) which can be registered and with notification of delivery. In those cases, the President shall recommend the adoption of a measure and the votes, which are not cast, shall be considered as favorable to the President's recommendation. In these cases, for the

voting to be consenting, a majority of favorable votes from the members of the Directory shall be required. The President shall immediately proceed to inform the members of the Directory of the results of the vote, indicating the number of favorable votes and the number of votes against.

## ***CHAPTER V***

### ***ON THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND THE TREASURER DUTIES, FACULTIES AND ATTRIBUTES***

**ARTICLE 17:** The Executive Secretary shall exercise all the duties inherent in his office, attend all correspondence received which require a reply; call all general and special meetings to be held by the ASSOCIATION as well as the Executive Committee or Directory. He shall keep record of all boxing fights held in the jurisdiction of the respective member commissions and shall carry out all other duties which are entrusted to him by the President of the ASSOCIATION. In addition he shall keep record of all decisions taken by the General Assembly and meeting of the Executive Committee or Directory in the respective minutes and shall carry out all specific duties indicated in the Constitution, the Bylaws, Regulations and other Legal Bases of the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 18:** The Treasurer shall be in charge of receiving payments of all duties from all members of the ASSOCIATION, collect payment of licenses from each promoter registered with the ASSOCIATION as well as any other sums it must receive. Likewise, he shall pay all expenses approved by the President, as well as all other sums, which are to be received by the ASSOCIATION. The Treasurer shall present to the President a monthly Treasury Statement containing the income and expenses which occurred and the balance sheet or financial statement indicating the available funds in his possession. The Treasurer shall present a similar written report

to the meetings of the Executive Committee and to the General Assembly. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping adequate accounting records for the ASSOCIATION.

Together with the President, the Treasurer shall sign checks or vouchers to make payment for any concept by the ASSOCIATION and shall be responsible for his pursuant to the Legal Bases of the ASSOCIATION and to law.

**ARTICLE 19:** The Treasurer shall account to the President or to the Executive Committee when so requested, for all Treasury movements during any stipulated period. To these ends, he shall present the books, vouchers, documents receivable and accounts payable, balance sheet or financial statement of the ASSOCIATION and funds available in his possession. The Treasurer shall be insured for the amount decided by the Executive Committee.

## ***CHAPTER VI***

### ***ON COMMITTEES DUTIES, FACULTIES AND ATTRIBUTES***

**ARTICLE 20:** Pursuant to the duties which correspond to the President, he shall appoint the members of the Ratings Committee, the World Championships Committee, the Legislative Committee, the Medical Committee, the International Officials (judges and referees), Public Relations, Conventions and Budget Committees as well as any other committees of the ASSOCIATION. He shall appoint the President of each Committee.

**ARTICLE 21:** The Ratings Committee shall prepare the lists which correspond to the boxers in each weight category, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws and other Legal Bases of the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 22:** The Legislative Committee shall be in charge of studying any proposed amendments to the Constitution, to the Bylaws and to the Regulation, and

shall present its report in the expressed manner ordered by the Constitution. However, the General Assembly may decide on any amendment on which the Legislative Committee did not provide a report as stipulated herein, based on the provisions of the Constitution.

**ARTICLE 23:** The World Championships Committee shall have the duty and all attributes necessary to have the Regulations and Rules complied with for the World Championship fights as recognized and approved by the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 24:** Any World Championship fights recognized by the ASSOCIATION shall be governed by the existing Regulations on World Championships.

**ARTICLE 25:** Each boxer recognized by the ASSOCIATION as a world champion in his respective category shall defend his title the times required, pursuant the provisions of the Regulations on World Championship Fights of the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 26:** It is the responsibility of the World Championships Committee to have the Association's Regulations on World Championship fights complied with. To the ends of exact compliance with its responsibilities, the World Championships Committee has all the power and authority necessary to attain these ends.

**ARTICLE 27:** The World Championships Committee shall keep a permanent and strict control and watchfulness on World Championship fights authorized by the ASSOCIATION, ensuring that all fights are carried out in an appropriate manner and in accordance with the Legal Bases of the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 28:** The recognition of a professional boxer as a World Champion in any of the weight categories, or divisions, may be suspended or revoked by the ASSOCIATION because of a proven violation of the Regulations and Rules which govern the World Championships, the Constitution, the Bylaws of the



ASSOCIATION. In the same way the Association may penalize a World Champion and any boxer due to conducts which injures the good name, integrity and prestige of professional boxing or by any act against the fundamental principles of ethics, moral of this sport duly proven by the World Championships Committee or any other authority of the Association. In the same manner, the ASSOCIATION may abstain from rating or maintaining relations with a boxer or with persons involved in acts or conduct which injure the good name or integrity of the ASSOCIATION or of boxing.

**ARTICLE 29:** The World Championships Committee shall send to the Treasurer the total value of all sanction fees charged for approvals, once received, and it shall be responsible for making payments effective.

**ARTICLE 30:** The Budget and Finance Committee shall be responsible for preparing the general income and expense budget of the ASSOCIATION in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. It shall also have the duties indicated in these Bylaws.

**ARTICLE 31:** At the moment of opening each General Assembly of the ASSOCIATION, the President shall appoint a Credential Committee made up by the International Coordinator, the Treasurer, the Chairman of the Legislative Committee and three (3) other members to be freely appointed by him, with the accredited capacity to vote. The President shall likewise appoint one of the members to preside the committee who, at the opening of the General Assembly, shall inform the names of the states, countries, cities, provinces or political subdivisions represented at the General Assembly, as well as the name of its duly registered delegates and representatives who are authorized to vote.

**ARTICLE 32:** The duties of any other committee shall be those especially assigned by the President.

**CHAPTER VII**  
**ON MEMBERS DUTIES,**  
**FACULTIES AND ATTRIBUTES**

**ARTICLE 33:** The National Organizations shall be entitled to attend, be recognized and exercise as expressly stipulated in the Constitution, Bylaws and other Legal Bases of the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 34:** The exercise of the rights which correspond to each member of the ASSOCIATION shall only be possible if he has paid the amount of the respective annual payments prior to July 31 each year.

**ARTICLE 35:** Any application for affiliation must be accompanied, in addition to the requirements established in the Constitution, with the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) United States currency for every regular member of the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 36:** Once the President has received the affiliation requirement, will send it to the Treasurer who could request all the information which he considers necessary from the respective organization.

**ARTICLE 37:** In the event that the treasurer's opinion is not favorable application for affiliation, he should so inform the applicant with a report stating the reasons for the decision, with a copy to the President, the respective Regional Vice President and the central office of the ASSOCIATION. In these cases, the matter shall be submitted to the next General Assembly.

**ARTICLE 38:** All decisions taken at the General or Special Meeting shall be taken with a majority vote of the attending members who are qualified to vote.

**ARTICLE 39:** When a vote is taken on any matter at a General or Special Meeting, any member present who is entitled to vote may request verification of the

affirmative or negative votes. If the request is backed by the majority of members present who are qualified to vote, a roll call will be taken and the votes will be counted.

**ARTICLE 40:** To be elected to any of the positions of authority in the ASSOCIATION it is an indispensable condition under the Constitution that the person shall be a member of an Athletic or Boxing Commission.

**ARTICLE 41:** When it is necessary to fill more than one position for election of the Association's authorities, the voting shall be for the total number of candidates to fill the positions to be elected. The voting tickets which do not indicate the total number of candidates required, shall be considered null votes.

**ARTICLE 42:** It is indispensable condition to exercise the right to vote and to be elected, that the person be present at the respective Annual Meeting, except when the absence is for a justified cause. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

## ***CHAPTER VIII***

### ***ON SUSPENSIONS, FINES APPEALS AND REPEALS***

**ARTICLE 43:** The Entities, Organizations and Federations members of the ASSOCIATION shall provide opportune information on any fines, suspensions or repeals of licenses granted to boxers, promoters, managers or representatives, auxiliaries or seconds due to acts contrary to the norms or regulations which govern professional boxing activities in their respective jurisdiction, or those of the Association's World Championships.

**ARTICLE 44:** The Entities, Organizations and Federations members of the ASSOCIATION, shall likewise provide information on decisions which modify or suspend the penalties imposed, as indicated in the foregoing article.

**ARTICLE 45:** The information which in each case should be provided to the ASSOCIATION under the provisions of these Bylaws shall be sent to the Executive Secretary of the ASSOCIATION with the object of being divulged and brought to the knowledge of all the members of the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 46:** The members of the ASSOCIATION, by reason of the Rules and Regulations which govern international boxing in their respective jurisdictions, pursuant to the fundamental principles of the ASSOCIATION and in benefit of the best interests of boxing and of the ASSOCIATION, shall refuse permission to any person to compete, officiate acts, or take part in any activity related to professional boxing within their jurisdiction, while the penalty imposed by the respective entity, organization or federation member remains in effect.

**ARTICLE 46:** In the event of an Appeal being brought to the corresponding entity, the measure ordered in the foregoing article shall not be suspended until the decision of that authority is handed out. The authority handing down such a decision shall notify both the appellant and the Executive Secretary for the due information of all members of the ASSOCIATION, using the procedure indicated in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE 47:** The appeal Committee will know, and decide all the matters and issues that may have solved in exercise of its attributions and powers; and will be object of appeal decisions of the World Championships Committee and the Executive Committee of the Association. Any other matter or issue related to the sanctions, fines, suspensions and abrogate linked and inherent to the Professional boxing activity, given by any other authority, organ, organization or active Member of the Association with faculty for this, will correspond to the President of the Association to his solely judgement to consider and to discuss if the matter or issue has to be known or reviewed by the Appeal Committee.

**CHAPTER IX**  
**ON AMENDMENTS**

**ARTICLE 48:** No modification shall be made to these Bylaws except those proposed at General Assemblies by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of members attending who are qualified to vote.

**ARTICLE 49:** All amendments proposed shall be presented first to the Legislative Committee, in writing, FORTY (45) days before the General Assembly. The Legislative Committee shall send the Executive Secretary of the ASSOCIATION a copy of all proposed amendments with a report indicating they have satisfied the conditions required hereunder.

**ARTICLE 50:** The Executive Secretary shall receive, no less than THIRTY (30) days in advanced of the General Assembly, a copy of the report indicated in the foregoing article. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be sent by the Executive Secretary to each member of the ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE 51:** The General Annual Convention may, at any time, hear and approve amendments, with the favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members who are qualified to vote.

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# ***WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS AND RULES***

## **1.- INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The World Boxing Association is made up of institutions legally incorporated throughout the world to rule, control and supervise professional boxing in their jurisdiction.
- 1.2 The World Boxing Association, because of the objects indicated in its Constitution, shall promulgate and apply rules to guarantee its efficiency and uniformity to approve boxing matches under its control, and to regulate any other matter related to boxing. The members of the World Boxing Association, by the sole fact of being such members, accept all norms and decisions related to World Championship fights and other matters comprised in its norms as contained in its Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations.
- 1.3 The ASSOCIATION, conscious of the responsibility inherent in its activity, has resolved to adopt and put into practice the Regulations on World Championships Matches presented herein, to assume an efficient control of the World Championship Boxing Matches, in order for them to be recognized within its jurisdiction.
- 1.4 The World Championship Matches have been established as the highest professional objectives in boxing, but no World Championship title has been or can be the personal property of any boxer.
- 1.5 The condition of Champion has and must be, a recognition subject to its own merits, as defined under these Regulations for the use and benefit of all boxers and members of boxing, and who, by their contribution of time, effort, risk and resources, sustain the existence of this sport.
- 1.6 A World Champion recognized by the World Boxing Association, shall reign supreme in his category and must be ready to meet any rated challenger at all times.



- 1.7 Any World Champion recognized by the World Boxing Association is obliged to give an example of high ideal and sporting spirit, with the conviction that a World Champion is no greater than the sport in which he reached the summit of success.
- 1.8 The World Boxing Association shall adopt as distinctive symbol of the World Boxing Champion in each recognized weight category, the institution and use of World Championship Belts. These belts shall be awarded to the champion duly recognized by the World Boxing Association for the purpose of being exhibited at each of its defenses.
- 1.9 Similarly the World Boxing Association will grant Super-belts to those champions that make 5 or 10 (if it was the case) successful defenses of his title. These Super Belts will be named after those champions that have been able to defend their title 5 or 10 times.

**Heavyweight:** Joe Louis and Muhammad Ali (10 Defenses); **Cruiserweight:** Evander Holyfield; **Light Heavyweight:** Archie Moore y Virgil Hill (10 Defenses); **Super Middleweight:** Sugar Ray Leonard **Super Welterweight:** Thomas Hearn; **Welterweight:** Sugar Ray Robinson; **Super Lightweight:** Antonio Cervantes "Kid Pambele"; **Lightweight:** Roberto Duran; **Super Featherweight:** Gabriel "Flash" Elorde; **Featherweight,** Sandy Sadler; **Super Bantamweight:** Wilfredo Gomez; **Super Flyweight:** Kaosay Galaxy; **Flyweight:** Pascual Perez; **Light Flyweight:** Yoko Gushiken; **Minimum** Leo Gamez.

- 1.10 The World Boxing Association will recognize as SUPER CHAMPION the World Boxing Association champions who are also champion of one or more Boxing organizations recognized by the WBA, such as the World Boxing Council, the International Boxing Federation and the World Boxing Organization.

## **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE**

### **2.- CONFORMATION**

- 2.1 This Committee shall be made up of nine (9) members and shall include the President of the Association and the International Commissioner, both Ex-Oficio. The Other seven (7) members, including the Director, shall be named by the President of the Association. The members of this committee, after they are appointed, shall hold office until their successors have been appointed.

### **3.- COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 3.1 The Committee shall meet the places and times indicated by the Director of the Committee. Five (5) members shall comprise a quorum to consider any business, and to decide on same a majority of vote of the Committee members present shall be sufficient, except in matters where the Constitution, the Bylaws or Regulations provide otherwise.
- 3.2 In the cases where a relevant decision is to be taken and it is not possible to physically hold a meeting of the Committee, the Committee Director is empowered to request the vote of the members of the Committee, by mail, telephone, telex, cable, telegram, fax, e-mail or any other similar means. In these cases, the Director of the Committee shall recommend that any measure be adopted or disapproved, and if within eight (8) continuous days from the date the notification is sent, the written vote of any member of the Committee is not received, the votes which are not received shall be considered as approving the Director's recommendation.
- 3.3 When the vote is carried out by letter, telephone, telex, cable, telegram, fax or any other similar means, a majority vote of the whole Committee shall be required, and in the cases of voting by telephone, it must be confirmed in

writing to the Director of the Committee, in the five (5) calendar days after the vote is cast, at the latest. The Director of the Committee shall send to each of the Committee members a report indicating the result of the vote on the particular point which originated same.

#### **4.- CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES**

- 4.1 The Association shall establish and recognize World Championship matches in each weight category or division which is established in its regulations and shall recognize as title holders of same those professional boxers who have obtained such recognition, under the norms adopted by the World Boxing Association and those which regulate World Championship Matches.
- 4.2 The recognition of a professional boxer as a World Champion in any of the weight categories, or divisions, may be suspended or revoked by the ASSOCIATION because of a proven violation of the Rules and Regulations which govern the World Championships, the Constitution, and the Bylaws of the ASSOCIATION. In the same way the Association may penalize a World Champion and any boxer because of conducts which injures the good name, integrity and prestige of professional boxing or by any act against the fundamental principles of ethics, moral of this sport duly proven by the World Championships Committee or any other authority of the Association. In the same manner, the ASSOCIATION may abstain from rating or maintaining relations with a boxer or with persons involved in acts or conduct which injure the good name or integrity of the ASSOCIATION or of boxing.
- 4.3 All world championship fights recognized by the World Boxing Association shall go TWELVE (12) ROUNDS. Each round shall last three (3) minutes with one (1) minute's rest between each round. All World Championship fights shall be subject to the World Championship Rules and Regulations which presently are in effect or which may in the future be adopted by the Association.

- 4.4 All professional boxers who are recognized by the World Boxing Association as World Champions, shall defend the title when required by and as it has been established by the Association's Regulations and Rules on World Championship Matches.
- 4.5 A World Championship can only be obtained as the result of a match duly authorized by the World Championships Committee.
- 4.6 No boxer recognized as World Champion by the World Boxing Association in any of the categories established by the Association, shall be permitted to hold more than one world title at the same time. In the event that a boxer who is recognized as a world champion, aspires to become world champion in another category, he must previously apply in writing to the World Championships Committee for approval to participate in a fight for the title in another category, and at the same time, he must present a document undertaking that in the event he wins the fight and obtains the title of champion in the other category, he would relinquish one of the titles. The relinquishment shall be made effective by the Champion within ten (10) days following that on which he obtains the new title.
- 4.7 In case a World Champion participates in a fight without the approval of the World Championships Committee, he shall automatically lose the Association's recognition, according to Article 5.9 of these Regulations. Failure to present the document relinquishing the title within the ten (10) days after the fight shall be sufficient cause for the World Championships Committee to recommend to the Executive Committee the withdrawal of the recognition by the Association as title holder of both categories. The World Championships Committee shall not grant its approval to the aspiring boxer unless it has the authorization of the Executive Committee according to Article 19 of this Regulations.

## **5.- *DEFENSE OF THE TITLE***

5.1 Every World Champion who is recognized by the World Boxing Association in any category, with the exception of the Heavyweight category, must defend his title at intervals of no more than nine (9) months, from the date which the title was obtained, or from the date on which the last defense of the title was held against the leading available contender of his category.

5.2 Due to circumstances inherent in and particular to the promotion of world championship fights in the heavyweight category, the world champion shall defend his title in a period of no more than twelve (12) months, from the date on which he obtained the title or from the date on which he carried out the last defense of the title against the leading available contender in his category.

5.3 When a boxer obtains the title of World Champion, in an eliminator fight for a Vacant Title, in any category, except the Heavyweight division, he must defend the title against the leading available contender of his category within no more than ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) days from the date on which he obtains the title.

In the Heavyweight division this period shall be of ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS.

5.4 For all divisions, except Heavyweight, in the event that a world champion loses his title against a contender who was not the leading available contender, the new world champion must defend his title within no more than ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) days from the date on which he obtains the title, against the leading available contender of his category, in accordance with the Association's current list of ratings. From then onwards he shall defend his title at intervals of no more than NINE (9) months against the leading available contender, except if granted an exception under the Rule 19 of these Regulations.

5.5 In the interim period, between the mandatory defense of his title against the Leading Available Contender, every nine (9) months, or twelve (12) for the Heavyweight Division, the World Champion may defend his title against any opponent selected from the list of the best boxers in his category, in accordance with the Association's current list of the ratings.

- 5.6 Within SIXTY (60) days prior to the date of the mandatory defense, no world champion may sign an agreement to defend his title, nor may he defend it against a boxer who is not the leading available contender.
- 5.7 The World Championships Committee is empowered to inform each world champion recognized by the Association of his obligation to defend his championship in a mandatory fight against the Leading Available Contender by the date indicated in the Regulations.
- 5.8 A World Champion recognized by the Association shall not participate in a NON-TITLE bout or in a match for a title which is NOT recognized by the World Boxing Association, unless he has applied for and been granted a Special Permit, in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 herein. In the event that the Champion participates in a non-title bout or in a match which is not recognized by the World Boxing Association, without having been granted the special permit in accordance with the above mentioned Article 19, he shall automatically lose recognition as World Champion and as consequence the title in the respective category shall become vacant.
- 5.9 Any World Champions that defends his title in a fight that has not been approved by the World Championships Committee, will automatically lose recognition of the Association as World Champion, and consequently, the title shall be declared vacant.
- 5.10 The result of any fight that is not for the title shall not affect the recognition of the world champion by the Association.
- 5.11 The World Championships has the faculty to reduce and/or modify any of the terms established for the mandatory defenses in those cases in which the champion has not complied with the period established by the WBA according to articles 5.3 and 5.4 of our World Championships Regulation.

**6.- *FAILURE BY THE CHAMPION TO COMPLY WITH HIS OBLIGATION***

- 6.1 If a World Champion recognized by the World Boxing Association fails to comply with his obligation to defend the title on the date indicated in the Regulations, or fails to comply with his obligation for a World Championship fight, duly approved by the World Championships Committee, the World Championships Committee shall recommend the President of the Association and to the Directory that this title be declared vacant.
- 6.2 When a World Champion cannot defend his title in the established period, by health reason or any other reason duly justified by the World Championships Committee, he will be declare Champion in Recess. In this case, the WBA, considering the inactivity period is able to call the Leading Available Contenders of the division to fight for the title, which will be interim. The Regional Champions recognized by the WBA would have preference at the time of the selection of the Leading Available Contenders that will fight for the title. The Interim Champion is obliged to fight as mandatory against the Champion in Recess when the World Champion is declared fit to fight. If the Champion in Recess remains inactive for a period longer than twelve (12) months counted from the day he was declared fit to fight by the WBA, he will lose the title and the Interim Champion will become the World Champion.

Once the World Champion in recess, is declared fit to fight by the WBA he must defend his title against the Interim Champion. If any of them, Interim Champion or Champion in Recess refuses to fight for the title, will lose the title automatically.

The Interim Champion must make his first mandatory defense against any of the contender of the division, with preference the Regional Champions recognized by the WBA, within a period of 12 days, counted from the date he won the Interim Title.

From the date of the first mandatory defense, the Interim Champion must make his next mandatory defense against the Leading Available Contender in period no longer than 9 months, counted from the day he won the title.

If at the end of any of the period of the mandatory defense, a Champion in Recess and an Interim Champion have not reached an agreement, or if before the time to negotiate is over any of them states his unwillingness to negotiate, the World Championships Committee will call a Purse Bid.

In this cases the WBA will determine the percentage (%) of the purse corresponding to each boxer, taking into consideration the history and the circumstances of the fight. In no case the difference of the % for the boxer shall exceed 30% - 70%.

#### **7.- *REMATCH IN AGREEMENTS ON CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES***

- 7.1 Any clause in Agreements for World Championship Fights which contains provisions that ensures or promises any of the contenders a world championship rematch shall be void. The defined intention of this Regulation norm is to limit the legal sphere, the effect and limitations of each contract, strictly to the single match, which is its main provision. Neither shall this agreement contain any clause whatsoever by which any interest in future earnings, or the administration of any of the contenders shall pass to the other contender or to any other person designated or named in the contract; such agreement shall not contain any clause by which the services of either or both contenders will be guaranteed or in any other way ensured to any promoter, promotional group or collective company for any future fight or fights after the match which is the principal stipulation of the agreement. This Regulatory provision shall be applied indiscriminately and with the same force to any supplementary agreement, or adherence, whatever written or verbal, or collateral agreements, regardless of whether such contract, agreement or



supplement has been registered or not, presented to or approved by any athletic commission, boxing commission or other authority, whatever affiliated or not to the World Boxing Association.

- 7.2 Any member of the World Boxing Association who violates or cooperates in violating this provision shall be subject to what is set forth in Article 4.2 of these Regulations and if the member is a Champion or a ranked boxer, the penalty could be the declaration that the TITLE IS VACANT or the exclusion from ranking as the case may be.
- 7.3 If a championship match ends in a tie or if such match is extremely close and one of the contenders receives a controversial decision regarding the other, the World Championships Committee, at its discretion, may recommend that the two (2) boxers be ordered to fight again for the Championship, within a period to be set by the Committee itself.
- 7.4 THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION shall not permit what is called a direct rematch, this being understood to be any fight that the New Champion aspires to have with the ex-champion from whom he won the title, before first defending his championship against any of Leading Available Contender of his category. This provision shall be applied to all categories.

Rematches ordered by the World Championships Committee shall be excepted from this provision.

#### **8.- *PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN A TITLE IS DECLARED VACANT***

- 8.1 A World Championship may be lost because of breach of contract for a World Championship fight, because of inability to fight, or the period given by the World Championships Committee is over, or to meet the required weight at the weighting time, according to what is established in article 12.1 of the Regulations which govern the World Championship Matches, but a World Championship can only be

obtained as a result of a fight authorized by the World Championships Committee.

- 8.2 In the event that a World Championship is declared vacant, the two (2) Leading Available Contenders shall meet each other in a title fight, and for this, they shall be granted a period of no more than THIRTY (30) days to negotiate an agreement under the best possible conditions, with a duly qualified promoter. Failure to negotiate the agreement within the time indicated, shall be cause the Director of the World Championships Committee to call Purse bid, therefore, in accordance with the procedure established hereunder. The World Championships Committee can call a fight to Purse Bid before the period given is over, as long as the parties (Champion or Challenger) state his unwillingness to negotiate or to reach an agreement for a world title fight.

#### **9.- LEADING AVAILABLE CONTENDER**

- 9.1 The Leading Available Contender shall be selected by the World Championships Committee, according to the current list of the best rated boxers, published by the Ratings Committee. To be considered the Leading Available Contender of any of the weight division of the World Boxing Association, will be necessary a written certification issued by the World Championships Committee, the Committee will previously verify the compliance of the articles 10.1 and 10.3 of this regulations, according to the date established for the Champion mandatory defense according to what is established in article 6.2 whenever it proceeds, as well as any extension, or exception duly approved or that deprives any disposition regarding the period for the mandatory defense of the World Champion that is the product or is a consequence or proceeds from article 19.2. For the effect of this regulation, the current list of Ratings Committee is that which corresponds to the month during which the Champion is obliged to defend his title against the Leading

Available Contender, or on any other date that the Championships Committee shall decide, for justified causes, according to what is established in articles 5.7 and 5.11 of this regulations.-

#### **10.- *RATED BOXERS***

- 10.1 For the purpose of selecting those boxers who meet the requirements which accredit them to participate as challengers in World Championship matches, the World Boxing Association shall publish an official list of ratings each month. These ratings shall indicate the names of the boxers selected in each of the recognized weight categories or divisions, in an ordered list which shall contain, in the order of importance, a minimum of TWELVE (12) and up to a maximum of FIFTEEN (15) boxers outstanding in their respective weight categories.
- 10.2 No boxer who has been object of any judicial measure, which in any way limits the full exercise of his rights or who is in prison as a result of a verdict (sentence), may in any way be rated or recognized by the Association. In the same way, the Association may abstain from rating or maintaining any relations with boxers or persons involved in acts of conduct injurious to the good name, integrity or prestige of the Association or of boxing.
- 10.3 To maintain the position in the official list of ratings, the number one (Nº 1) contender, occupies that position without fighting in the last year against any of the rated contender of his division, or who has been inactive during that time without any justified cause, will be obliged by the World Championships Committee to defend his rating against a boxer selected by the Ratings Committee among the Leading Available Contenders of that division, with the purpose of justifying his position as the leader of the category. The Ratings Committee will take into consideration the regional champions recognized by the WBA to select the Leading Available Contenders. The Championships

Committee, at its discretion will order the number one (N° 1) contender to comply with this rule, otherwise he will lose his ratings position.

With the purpose to determine the N°1 and N°2 positions, or to justify the N° 1 position, if it were the case, the Ratings Committee will order eliminatory bouts between the Leading Available Contenders, taking into consideration with preference the Regional Champions Recognized by the WBA.”

- 10.4 If any of the rated boxers, with the exception of contender number one (1), should refuse to face the World Champion in a fight for the title or should refuse to face contender number one (1) in a ten (10) round fight, -without any justified cause, according to the World Championships Committee- he shall be eliminated from the ratings.

#### **11.- *WEIGHT CATEGORY***

- 11.1 World Champions shall be recognized in the following weight categories or division:

Minimum	Up to 105 lbs. or 47.62 Kgs.
Light Flyweight	Up to 108 lbs. or 48.99 Kgs.
Flyweight	Up to 112 lbs. or 50.80 Kgs.
Super Flyweight	Up to 115 lbs. or 52.16 Kgs.
Bantamweight	Up to 118 lbs. or 53.52 Kgs.
Super Bantamweight	Up to 122 lbs. or 55.34 Kgs.
Featherweight	Up to 126 lbs. or 57.15 Kgs.
Super Featherweight	Up to 130 lbs. or 58.97 Kgs.
Lightweight	Up to 135 lbs. or 61.24 Kgs.
Super Lightweight	Up to 140 lbs. or 63.50 Kgs.
Welterweight	Up to 147 lbs. or 66.68 Kgs.

Super Welterweight	Up to 154 lbs. or 69.85 Kgs.
Middleweight	Up to 160 lbs. or 72.58 Kgs.
Super Middleweight	Up to 168 lbs. or 75.75 Kgs.
Light Heavyweight	Up to 175 lbs. or 79.38 Kgs.
Cruiserweight	Up to 190 lbs. or 86.18 Kgs.
Heavyweight	Over 190 lbs. or 86.18 Kgs.

## **12.- *WEIGHT***

- 12.1 Weight shall determine category. If any of the contenders, either champion or challenger, should fail to make the weight limit indicated for the category at the time indicated for the official weighing in, each one of them, or both, shall have two (2) additional hours to meet the required weight.
- 12.2 If the champion should fail to make the required weight, after the two (2) additional hours, he shall lose the title at that time (in what is known in boxing jargon as "Losing the title at the scale") and the match shall go on as programmed, providing that the challenger has made the prescribed weigh. If under these circumstances the challenger wins the match, he shall be crowned as the new champion, but if the champion who did not meet the weight requirements should result winner of the bout the title shall be declared VACANT.
- 12.3 If the Champion makes the weight and the challenger is the one who fails to do so, the champion shall retain the title even if he loses the match.
- 12.4 If both contenders should fail to make the weight, after the two (2) additional hours, the title shall be declared vacant and the match will take place as a non-title fight.
- 12.5 The scale to be used in the official weighing in must be available to both boxers two (2) hours prior to the time of official weighing in.

## 12.6 *PREVIOUS WEIGHTING*

The World Boxing Association establishes the procedure denominated as Previous Weighting, which consist that five (5) days before a WBA World Title Fight, both Champion and Challenger must undergo a previous weighting. The boxer shall not exceed the following weight limits:

CATEGORY	MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT		% MAXIMUM	
MINI FLYWEIGHT	105 Lbs.	47,62 Kgs.	3% +	108,15 Lbs
LIGTH FLYWEIGHT	108 Lbs.	48,99 Kgs.	3% +	111,24 Lbs.
FLYWEIGHT	112 Lbs.	50.80 Kgs.	3% +	115,36 Lbs.
SUPER FLYWEIGHT	115 Lbs.	52.16 Kgs.	3% +	118,45 Lbs.
BANTAMWEIGHT	118 Lbs.	53.52 Kgs.	3% +	121,54 Lbs.
SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT	122 Lbs.	55,34 Kgs.	3% +	125,66 Lbs.
FEATHERWEIGHT	126 Lbs.	57,15 Kgs.	4% +	131,04 Lbs
SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT	130 Lbs.	58,97 Kgs.	4% +	135,20 Lbs
LIGHTWEIGHT	135 Lbs.	61,24 Kgs.	4% +	140,40 Lbs
SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT	140 Lbs.	63,50 Kgs.	4% +	145,60 Lbs
WELTERWEIGHT	147 Lbs.	66,68 Kgs.	4% +	152,88 Lbs
SUPER WELTERWEIGHT	154 Lbs.	69,85 Kgs.	5% +	161,70 Lbs
MIDDLE	160 Lbs.	72,58 Kgs.	5% +	168,00 Lbs
SUPER MIDDLE	168 Lbs.	76,20 Kgs.	5% +	176,40 Lbs
LIGHT HEAVY	175 Lbs.	79,38 Kgs.	5% +	183,75 Lbs
CRUISER	190 Lbs.	86,18 Kgs.	5% +	199,50 Lbs
HEAVY	More 190 Lbs.			

Any boxer who exceeds the Maximum Permitted the day of the Previous Weighting will sanctioned with a fine of TEN PERCENT (10%) of his purse.

The boxers will be given a period of TWO (2) additional hours to make the weight limit on the Weighting in day.

The promoter of the fight shall be responsible for the fine paying which shall be discount from the boxers purse.

### **13.- *WEIGHING TIME***

13.1 The official weighing in of a World Championship fight shall be carried out the day before the fight between 4:00 p.m. (16:00 hours) and 8:00 p.m. (20:00).

13.2 In cases where for force majeure or unforeseen circumstances, which could not be foreseen by either of the parties, in a program which includes a world title fight, and which must be postponed for no more that forty-eight (48) hours, it will not be necessary to have a new weighing in. If the cause of the postponement is a weather condition or circumstance that could be resolved in less than two (2) hours, no decision shall be taken before the expiration of this time. Any decision to the effect shall be taken be the Supervisor, in common agreement with the local commission.

### **14.- *SANCTION FEES***

14.1 In order for a world championship fight to be duly approved, upon application for the corresponding sanction, the World Boxing Association must be paid a rate according to the following tables:

FOR ALL CATEGORIES

- 14.2 Three Percent (3%) of the purse of each boxer, with a minimum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (US\$ 1,500.00) for the challenger and THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (US\$ 3,500.00) for the champion. The maximum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (US \$ 150,000.00) currency of the United States of America.

**14.3 PROMOTERS**

The promoter is responsible for payment of all sanction fees which according to the Regulations are related with the title bout to be held, which will make to the Director of the World Championships Committee together with the formal application for the sanction of the fight and a copy of the agreement between the promoter and the boxers (Champion and Challenger).

The promoter shall pay for each World Championship Fight, Vacant Title or Title Unification, according to the following scale:

<b>TOTAL PURSE OF THE BOXERS</b>	<b>PROMOTION SANCTION FEE</b>
Up to US\$ 250.000	US\$ 6.000
FROM US\$ 250.001 TO US\$ 500.000	US\$ 8.000
FROM US\$ 500.001 TO US\$ 1.000.000	US\$ 10.000
FROM US\$ 1.000.001 TO US\$ 4.000.000	US\$ 15.000
FROM US\$ 4.000.001 TO US\$ 7.000.000	US\$ 20.000
FROM US\$ 7.000.001 TO US\$ 10.000.000	US\$ 25.000
FROM US\$ 10.000.001 Ahead	US\$ 30.000

The amount of the Sanction Fees, established herein, correspond to the total Purse of both boxers.

- 14.4 A fee is established for each promotion of a World Title fight, of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (US \$ 1.000.00) United States currency to establish a reserve fund for legal expenses.



- 14.5 A fee is established for each promotion of a World Title fight of a ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (US \$ 1,000.00) United States currency to establish a reserve for insurance expenses.
- 14.6 Each promoter must be registered with the World Boxing Association and in order to promote World Championship fights, shall pay the annual registration fee of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (US \$ 5,000.00) currency of the United States of America, before February 28 each year. After that date, the annual registration shall have be SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (US\$ 6,000.00) United States currency. Without complying with this requirement, he may not promote World Championship fights nor participate in Purse Bid related to World Championships of the World Boxing Association.
- 14.7 In the probable case that a fight is not carried out after it has been sanctioned, neither the promoter nor the boxers shall be entitled to reimbursement of any of the amounts paid for the sanction of the fight, except if for duly justified causes of force majeure, in the opinion of the World Championships Committee.
- 14.8 It is understood that the sanction fee, the application for the sanction to the fight and the copies of the agreements, shall be sent to the Director of the World Championships Committee and received by him, no less than THIRTY (30) days prior to the date on which the fight is to be held.
- 14.9 The Director of the World Championships Committee shall be the authority responsible for the collecting all the registration fees from the promoter and all the sanction fees related to World Championship fights and shall remit same to the Treasurer of the Association.
- 14.10 By the boxer's purse is understood to be any sum of money which he receives in compensation for his professional services in a Championship fight, including any sums which he receives for training expenses or for any other concept.

15.- **BID**

- 15.1 The champion and the challenger, selected by the World Championships Committee, shall have no more than THIRTY (30) days to reach an agreement on holding the mandatory fight. These THIRTY (30) days are the first THIRTY (30) days of the SIXTY (60) days which precede the date of the mandatory fight.

If any of the parties (Champion or Challenger) states his unwillingness to negotiate, or requests that a Purse Bid takes place immediately or before the THIRTY (30) days are over, the World Championships Committee can call the Purse bid before the period to negotiate ends.

- 15.2 If the champion and the challenger do not come to an agreement during period granted by the World Championships Committee, it shall have the approval of the President of the Association, to open the fight to Purse Bid.
- 15.3 At any bid, and in addition to the sanction fee, each of the promoters or participating corporations shall pay a BID SERVICE FEE of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (US\$ 2,500.00) United States currency, which must be paid at the time the proposal is submitted. These sums will not be reimbursable since it is considered that it is established to cover expenses incurred by the World Boxing Association for services effectively provided in the organization, processing and carrying out of the Bid.
- 15.4 The Bid to grant the promotional rights of a mandatory fight shall be directed by the President of the World Boxing Association or by the person whom he appoints, on the day and the time and place indicated in the convocation for the bid.
- 15.5 All persons who participate in the bid must be present when the offers are opened.
- 15.6 The promoter who has been granted the promotional rights of a World Championship fight by a bidding process, may not sell or in any way transfer his rights to third parties, without the prior consent of the World Championships Committee authorized by the President.

15.7 If the owner of the promotional rights does not carry out the fight without justified cause, in the opinion of the World Championships Committee, he shall lose the guarantee deposit, corresponding to ten percent (10%) of the proposed purse and in addition he may not participate in the new bid for said fight which the World Boxing Association will proceed to call. In the event of a repetition by the promoter or the corporation of the foregoing, the offender shall be penalized with a suspension of up to two (2) years, which penalty shall be imposed by the World Championships Committee, taking into account the pertinent circumstances in each case.

15.8 In the event that the favored promoter or corporation should fail, without justified cause in the opinion of the World Championships Committee, to promote the fight on the date indicated for the world championship match which was the subject of the bid, the money paid by the promoter or the corporation corresponding to ten percent (10%) of the proposal shall be distributed as follows:

For the champion	75%
For the Challenger	20%
For the WBA	5%

15.9 Only BONAFIDE PROMOTERS who are registered with the Association on the date on which the bid is announced, shall participate in such bid.

15.10 The World Championships Committee shall prepare the forms which contains the requirements to be complied with at the bids promoted by the World Boxing Association.

These forms will be at the disposal of interested parties, promoters and corporations, at the offices of the President of the World Boxing Association and of the Director of the World Championships Committee.

15.11 Proposals to participate in the bid shall be given in at the time indicated to the Director of it and when required.

15.12 Qualified bidders should present the following to participate in the bid:

1. TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH (US\$ 2.500,00) currency of the United States, or payment of the equivalent amount in CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED CHECK, for the same amount indicated above, in the name of the World Boxing Association, to make the pay service rate for the bid. This amount shall not be reimbursed.

15.13 The proposal should include the places (Cities and/or countries) where the fight could be held, and shall not be more than three (3). The proposal must indicate the date on which the fight will be held, which should be no more than NINETY (90) DAYS NOR LESS THAN FORTY-FIVE DAYS (45) from the date indicated, unless the interested parties agree to hold the fight before the minimum term. The period shall be counted beginning on the date the bid is awarded.

The winner of the Purse Bid must confirm the boxers and the World Championships Committee the date and place of the fight, in a period no longer than FIFTEEN (15) days counted from the day the Purse Bid took place.-

15.14 Failure to comply with the commitment on the date indicated WITHOUT JUSTIFIED CAUSE, in the opinion of the World Championships Committee, shall give rise to the World Championships Committee declaring the right of the promoter or corporation as lapsed, and shall proceed to distribute the ten percent (10%) paid by the promoter under the provisions hereof.

15.15 The purse indicated in the bid for both boxers shall be distributed as follows:

- 1.- For fights held in the country of origin, residence or nationality of the champion, he shall receive SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75 %) of the purse and the challenger shall receive TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%).

- 2.- For fights held in any other country, the champion shall receive EIGHTY PERCENT (80%) of the purse and the challenger TWENTY PERCENT (20%).

15.16 For fights for a vacant title or for fights between rated challengers of those approved by the World Boxing Association, the distribution is as follows:

- 1.- If the fight is held in the country of origin, residence or nationality of one of the contenders, he shall receive FORTY PERCENT (40%) and his opponent SIXTY PERCENT (60%)
- 2.- If the fight is held in a neutral place, or if the contenders are of the same country of origin, residence or nationality, in such a way that neither one has an advantage over the other, the purse shall be divided in equal parts between the contenders.

**15.17 MINIMUM PURSE:**

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With regard to the bids, the following minimum sums shall be established to be offered in each of the categories:

For the categories	MINIMUM TO SUPER FLYWEIGHT	US\$	80,000.00
For the categories	BANTAM to SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT	US\$	120,000.00
For the categories	LIGHT to SUPER WELTERWEIGHT	US\$	150,000.00
For the categories	MIDDLE to CRUISER	US\$	200,000.00
For the category	HEAVYWEIGHT	US\$	1,000,000.00

- 15.18 Both the Champion and the challenger who have committed through a Purse Bid, shall be obliged to comply with the provisions indicated therein. If the Champion should refuse to comply with the commitment acquired at the bid,

the title shall be declared VACANT, and he shall be excluded from the ratings of the World Boxing Association for a minimum period of SIX (6) MONTHS. In this case, the leading available contenders taken from the current official list of ratings shall be called to fill the vacancy for the corresponding title.

If the challenger refuses to comply with what is established in the bid, he shall lose his condition of challenger to the champion, and shall be excluded from the ratings of the World Boxing Association for a minimum period for ONE (1) YEAR.- In this case, the World Championships Committee shall call the leading available contender and chosen from among those rated in the respective category, to dispute the Title to Champion, except if special circumstances exist which justify granting an exception.

15.19 TICKETS:

The promoter or the enterprise who wins the promotional rights of a World Title Fight shall furnish a minimum of FIVE (5) Tickets in economy to the champion from his residence or training camp to the place of the bout and furnish the challenger with FOUR (4) tickets in economy. In case the fight is for a vacant title both boxers shall receive FOUR (4) Tickets.

15.20 The Purse Bid procedure will not be applicable in those cases when during the period prior to the negotiations between the interested parties (Champion and challenger's representative or the representatives of the challengers in cases of vacant titles) offers equal or above the following parameters have been made:

a) Minimum weight to Lightweight division:

When the challenger has been offered a purse equal to 10 times the highest purse he has received in his boxing career.

b) Super Lightweight to Heavyweight division:

When the challenger has been offered a purse equal to 15 times to the highest purse he has received in his boxing career.

For the application of this disposition, it is understood that the period prior to the negotiations is that contented in the first thirty

days before the sixty days established as the maximum time to promote the fight.

A written certification issued by the local commission where the fight in which the boxer won the highest purse will be necessary to verify the validity of it.

In case the boxer refuses to fight according to dispositions established in this article, the Champion will be entitled to negotiate with the next Leading Available Contender appointed by the World Championships Committee. Equal procedure will be applied when the fight is for a vacant title.

#### ***PRESENCE OF W.B.A. AUTHORITIES AT ALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHTS***

##### ***16.- OFFICIALS***

- 16.1 The offices of the President of the World Boxing Association shall keep an updated list of officials who are qualified by the World Boxing Association to act in World Championships fights. These officials, referees and judges shall be appointed by the President of the Association and shall be four (4): one (1) referee who shall not keep score and three (3) judges who will. Nevertheless, where a referee is needed, with faculty to score, the President may appoint (2) judges and one (1) referee to record the score
- 16.2 The officials appointed by the President to act in any Championship fight shall be NEUTRAL, this being understood to mean that they are not of the same nationality, residence or origin of the champion or of the challenger. However, when the contenders are of the same nationality, officials who are of

the same nationality, residence or origin of the champion and the challenger be considered NEUTRAL for the effects hereunder. The officials appointed by the President of the Association to act in a championship fight shall be protected by a policy for accidental death.

- 16.3 The officials shall be compensated for their time and cooperation in carrying out the fight in accordance with the following table:

REFEREE:	US \$ 1,900.00
JUDGES	US \$ 1,600.00
SUPERVISOR	US \$ 500.00

Every time the officials are appointed to a World Title Bout, they should pay 10% of the amount they receive as compensation.

- 16.4 The payment for the officials shall be made according to the procedure established by the World Championships Committee. No official is authorized to collect any other amount, under penalty of suspension.

No official who is not a recognized member of the World Boxing Association, and whom the President of the Association, has not appointed, may act in a World Championship fight.

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**16.6 REFEREE**

The referee in the ring shall be the chief official and will keep control over the development of the world championship fight. Before any championship fight, the referee shall ask for the name of the main second of each of the contenders and will hold him responsible for behavior in his respective corner.

The contenders are permitted to shake hands immediately after the referee's instructions.



The referee is empowered to examine each contender's bandages and gloves to ensure that same are free from any foreign substance which could be harmful to the boxers, and that they meet the norm in the Regulations of World Championships. In the same way, he shall verify that the gloves are not cut or have been altered in any way, since if they have been, he shall order the altered gloves to be replaced.

The referee is empowered to stop a fight and consult with the ringside physician whether it is advisable to let the fight continue or whether, in his opinion, a contender appears to be unfit to continue.

The referee has the power to impose discipline and to see that the Association's Regulations are followed with regard to the conduct and behavior of the contenders and their seconds.

#### **17.- THE SUPERVISOR**

- 17.1 The President of the World Boxing Association shall attend or shall appoint a member of the Directory, who shall be called the SUPERVISOR, to attend world championship fights, which have been sanctioned by the Association. The duties of the Supervisor shall be: to assist the local commission to carry out the fight and to ensure that all the regulations of World Championship matches and other norms of the World Boxing Association are followed.

The supervisor of a World Championship match represents the President of the Association and the World Boxing Association. The Supervisor must report on all that occurred during the fight for which he was appointed, within ten (10) days after the match is held.

- 17.2 The promoter is obliged to cover Business class airfare as well as meals and hotel accommodation in a first class hotel for the Supervisor.

- 17.3 The Supervisors are covered by life insurance policy against accidents while carrying duties at a world championship fight, besides the annual insurance policy they have as Directory Members.
- 17.4 The Supervisor of the World Boxing Association, appointed for a world championship fight, is empowered to resolve matters which need to be solved regarding the holding and development of the fight and which arises as unforeseen circumstances which need an immediate solution and to solve which there is no time to consult or request the President's opinion or that of the Association's organizations. The Supervisor's decision in these exceptional cases is irrevocable.
- 17.5 No member of the Association's Executive Committee is permitted to officiate in a championship fight as judge or referee, except under circumstances of inevitable accident of force majeure.
- 17.6 In any case of complaint or report against the conduct of any official appointed to a world championship fight, or against the supervisor or any member of the Association, the complaint shall be referred to the President of the World Boxing Association who shall send a copy of same to the persons or persons implicated, granting them SUFFICIENT TIME in accordance with the distance, to state their reasons and points of defense and shall send with the copy any document or documents which endorse such statements. At the end of said period, and whether he has received explanation or not, the President, if he finds the complaint valid, shall send the whole file to the Entity upon it is incumbent, and said entity shall decide whether it is in order, within a period set by the President himself.

The competent Entity to which the file is sent may obtain the opinion of witnesses and make whatever investigations it considers pertinent.

- 17.7 This decision may be opposed by appeal to the corresponding Entity or Authority according to Article 47 of the Association's Bylaws.

- 17.8 All officials and the Supervisor must be at the country where the bout will take place three (3) days prior to the fight. The promoter shall make all necessary arrangements for this norm to be complied with.

**18.- DRUGS OR STIMULANTS**

- 18.1 The administration or use of drugs or stimulants, or of physiological substances in amounts, which are intended to increase artificially and disloyally the boxer's performance, before or during the fight, is prohibited.
- 18.2 Any boxer who violates this rule shall be disqualified.
- 18.3 In particular are forbidden stimulants, narcotics and their derivatives, psychotropic drugs, anabolizant steroids, corticosteroides, diuretics and probenecid, as well as any other substance which the Medical Advisory Committee determines, which shall issue a list of prohibited substances which shall be updated periodically and communicated to the affiliated Commissions.
- 18.4 Any substance, other than pure water, which is given to a contender during the course of the match, is absolutely prohibited. Discretionary use of Vaseline around the eyes is permitted; nevertheless, the use of Vaseline, grease or any other substance on the arms, legs or body of any of the contenders is prohibited. The discretionary use of hemostatic fluid is permitted between rounds, such as a solution of adrenaline of one per thousand (1/1000), approved by the ring physician, with the object of controlling bleeding of minor cuts and bruises received by either or the contenders.

It is absolutely prohibited to use iron based hemostatic substance such as Monsel solution, and the use of such coagulants by either of the contenders shall be considered a violation and shall be sufficient cause for immediate disqualification.

The Medical Advisory Committee, in addition to the list of substances, shall issue and maintain an updated list of homeostatic fluid which are not considered harmful to the boxer, and whose use is permitted during the match.

- 18.5 Anti drug test shall be obligatory at all world championship fights and these tests can be done either before and /or after the bout. The sample shall be taken in an official ceremony form both boxers and preferably at the same premises.
- 18.6 The place and time that the sample is taken shall be announced to the boxer and/or to his representative and trainer, jointly be the fight Supervisor and the member of the Local Commission assigned to same, preferably at the ceremony where the rules are read out. If the moment at which the samples are taken is not indicated, it shall be understood that this will be done at the end of the fight. The Supervisor will try to reach an agreement with the parties concerned (Champion and Challenger) to determine the time of the anti-drug test. If no agreement is reached the Supervisor will have the deciding word of the time for the sample taking.
- 18.7 The boxer shall be entitled for his representative and/or trainer to be present at the sample taking ceremony. Nevertheless, if they do not make use of this right, the test shall retain its value. The boxer shall produce the sample in front of the doctor assigned to the fight or his alternate, a member of the local commission and the fight supervisor. When due to circumstances beyond his control the fight supervisor or the member of the local commission cannot attend the taking of the samples, the procedure shall take place with the doctor and whichever of the two is present, and it shall retain its legal value.
- The sample shall be collected in a sterile recipient and shall be divided into two equal parts also in sterile containers. The specimens should be clearly marked with the owner's name, and sealed in front of the boxer. After the boxer or his representative is permitted to verify the seals, writing shall be prepared indicating the date, time, place and other details of the collection of the sample.
- 18.8 Both the first and the second samples shall be sent within the first forty-eight (48) hours by the doctor assigned to the fight or his alternate, to a laboratory authorized by the local commission, which will open and analyze the first set of samples and privately inform the Local Commission and the World Boxing

Association of the results. These in turn will inform the boxers or their representatives of the results.

- 18.9 The doctor responsible for the samples shall deliver them against receipt from the testing laboratory facilities, the doctor shall be in charged of taking the samples and sending them to a recognized laboratory.
- 18.10 The laboratory, which receives the samples, shall verify that the seals are intact and shall confirm in writing adequate receipt of the material.
- 18.11 Once the first specimens have been examined to the satisfaction of all parties, the second specimens may be eliminated.
- 18.12 In the event of dissent with the result of the analysis of the first set of samples, the laboratory to another laboratory authorized by the World Boxing Association shall send the second set. The result of this second analysis shall be definite and shall be privately notified to the World Boxing Association, which will then notify the boxers or their representatives.
- 18.13 In those cases where it is necessary to study the second specimen, the boxer or his representative shall be notified by the WBA which laboratory will process the samples, in order to facilitate their appearance or designation of a delegate to observe the details or opening and analysis of the sample. Nevertheless, in the event that the boxer or his representative or delegate cannot be present at this act, the procedure and the test shall maintain full value.
- 18.14 The second specimens can only be processed by laboratories authorized by the World Boxing Association based on recommendations by the Medical Advisory Committee. To these effects, the World Boxing Association shall endeavor to establish contact with laboratories of recognized prestige in the principal regions of the world with the object of facilitating the corresponding analysis.
- 18.15 The cost of the examination and testing of the first specimens shall be for the account of the promoter of the fight. All costs and analysis of the second specimens shall be for the account of the party who requested the testing.

- 18.16 When for reasons of force majeure or inevitable accident or when either of the contenders was not in adequate physical condition for the corresponding sample to be taken, the supervisor named by the World Boxing Association for the fight shall be empowered to take the decision which he deems most adequate regarding the antidoping test. His decision shall not be subject to appeal and shall not admit any recourse whatsoever.
- 18.17 The boxer who refuses to be examined shall be disqualified and, in addition, may be suspended or fined.
- 18.18 The boxers who take part in a world championship fight must indicate, prior to providing the samples, whether they have received any medication within the past seventy-two (72) hours and shall provide evidence in writing from the attending physician of the therapeutic reason for its use. The doctor appointed for the fight, or in his absence his alternate, based on the list of prohibited substances which is issued by the World Boxing Association, shall give his written opinion of the condition of the fighter with regard to any effect of the drug on the fight.
- 18.19 The supervisor or representative of the local commission shall ask the boxers and/or their representatives to sign the writ corresponding to the taking of samples. In the event that they refuse to sign, evidence of this shall be noted and the test shall not lose validity.
- 18.20 The boxer may drink liquids while waiting for the sample to be taken. If the Supervisor of the World Boxing Association or the representative of the commission should suspect that the liquid drunk was provided with an end to altering the results of the tests, he may order the testing of such liquid. If the laboratory proves that the liquid given contains substances that could change a positive result, the result of the test will be considered positive.
- 18.21 For urine samples, volume shall be 75 ml. or more. If the boxer cannot provide a sufficient quantity of urine, the procedure will be repeated after he has drank as much liquid as he wishes, but he will not be permitted to leave the place of the examination until he has provided the required amount of urine.

18.22 Identification of substances will be made preferably through the combined use of fine layer chromatography and its rectification by some immune testing method. The substance may also be identified by any other means indicated and accepted by the Medical Advisory Committee of the World Boxing Association.

18.23 Penalties for positive test results on drug control shall be the following:

- 1.- If the World Champion wins the fight or retains his title in a draw, and his results are positive, the title shall be declared vacant and the challenger, (whose antidrug results are negative) shall fight the leading available contender for the vacant title.
- 2.- If the challenger loses or ties the championship match and his antidrug test was positive, he shall not be permitted to fight for a title recognized by the World Boxing Association for the next two (2) years and only after he present medical evidence that he has been rehabilitated.
- 3.- If the challenger wins the championship fight and his antidrug test is positive and the losing champion has a negative result, then the champion shall retain his title in spite of the loss and the challenger shall be disqualified and shall not box for the title from the World Boxing Association during the next two (2) years and only after presentation of medical evidence that he has been rehabilitated.
- 4.- If both boxers present positive antidrug test, the title shall be declared vacant and the World Boxing Association shall appoint the two (2) leading available contenders to dispute the vacant title. Neither of the two (2) boxers in these cases may dispute a world championship of the World Boxing Association during the following two (2) years, and only after presentation of medical evidence that they have been rehabilitated.

18.24 The directors, promoters, administrators or entities, officials, doctors, boxers and, in general, any person linked to boxing against whom it is legally proven

by final sentence that they are connected to drug trafficking, it being understood by that as: distribution, sale, laundering of money coming from trafficking for economic use or any other manner or means which implies directly or indirectly, the handling of these substances or their economic product, shall be suspended and excluded for life from any activity or the World Boxing Association. The respective decision shall be taken by the Directory.

18.25 In spite of the above, whenever one of the individuals or entities mentioned in the provision come under investigation by any competent authority, the World Boxing Association, through its Directory, may take the temporary measures which it considers convenient, including suspension of the person or entity under investigation if it considers it necessary, in order to protect the Association's image and integrity.

18.26 Failure to acknowledge this regulation, once it has been approved, shall not be an excuse for noncompliance nor shall it excuse its application nor that of the corresponding measure in each case.

18.27 The World Boxing Association shall establish a permanent campaign of prevention and education to confront the problem of drugs in sports.

The President of the Association will appoint a permanent committee to study everything related to cases in which a boxer tests positive and to establish the sanctions to be applied.

The World Boxing Association shall appoint a permanent committee to study everything related to cases which have been positive in drugs and to recommend the sanctions to be applied

18.28 The World Boxing Association can order periodical anti doping tests to any boxer that may have come out positive in the forbidden substances test.

18.29 No boxer, that is in the period of treatment for using prohibited substances, can be rated, neither he will be permitted to fight for a title of the World Boxing Association.



## 19.- AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS AND SPECIAL PERMIT

- 19.1 The regulations on World Championships Matches may be amended at any time with regard to any of its parts, by means of the favorable vote of the two thirds (2/3) of the members of the World Championships Committee, two third (2/3) of the members of the Executive Committee and the favorable vote of the President of the Association. The modification so approved shall have immediate effect, except if in itself a different date is indicated. At the meetings of the following convention, the modification must be tabled for consideration of the members present for ratification. In the event that it is not ratified or considered at the convention, the modification shall remain void from the date on which the annual meeting ends.
- 19.2 Any World Champion who is recognized by the World Boxing Association may request through the World Championships Committee, a special permit or exception for the following:
1. To carry out the optional defense of the title when the mandatory period is finishing, and according to the other points of this article.-
  2. To fight for a world title in another category of the World Boxing Association.
  3. To unify the World title, with a title in a similar category of another entity.
  4. To fight in a title fight in a different category in another entity.
  5. To carry out a fight of importance and significance for the boxing world, at which the presence of the World Boxing Association is desirable.
  6. To fight a NON title fight.

7. For those champions with well-known international hierarchy, for champions with unified titles, or for ex-champions of other organizations that have conquered a WBA title in their last fights.
  8. For those champions of other organizations who have just conquered a WBA title in a unification title in the same division.
  9. For WBA champions who have made their first mandatory fight
  10. For WBA ex-champions who have re-conquered a title or who have been champion in more than one division
  11. For World Champions in those cases when the World Championships Committee, at its discretion, has not been able to declare the Leading Available Contender due to the non fulfillment of the requirements established for that condition.
- 19.3 These permits shall be granted conditioned to the best interests of the parties involved and by the sole fact of accepting and fighting under such permission, these conditions oblige both the champion and his opponent.
  - 19.4 In these cases the champion should present in writing the reasons for requesting such permission.
  - 19.5 For a special permit or exception to be granted, it must be approved by the favorable vote of the two thirds (2/3) of the members of the World Championships Committee, by the favorable vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Executive Committee, and by the favorable vote of the President of the Association.
  - 19.6 The special permit or exception must be requested in writing by the interested world champion and such request shall imply payment of the following fees:

**TOTAL PURSE OF BOTH BOXERS**

UP TO US\$ 250.000

FROM US\$ 250.001 TO US\$ 500.000

**SPECIAL PERMISSION FEE**

US\$ 6.000

US\$ 7.000

FROM US\$ 500.001 TO US\$ 1.000.000	US\$ 8.000
FROM US\$ 1.000.001 TO US\$ 4.000.000	US\$ 10.000
FROM US\$ 4.000.001 TO US\$ 7.000.000	US\$ 12.000
FROM US\$ 7.000.001 TO US\$ 10.000.000	US\$ 15.000
FROM US\$ 10.000.001 ahead	US\$ 20.000

The amount of the Sanction Fees, established herein, correspond to the total Purse of both boxers.

- 19.7 These sums shall be included with the application for a special permit or exception, either in cash or by a certified check payable to the World Boxing Association.
- 19.8 No permit may be considered, and neither the Director of the World Championships Committee, nor the President of the Association may submit an application to consideration if it is non accompanied by payment of the amounts indicated.
- 19.9 Granting of a special permit or exception for a fight in which a World Champion recognized by the World Boxing Association shall take part, implies the recognition of that fight by the Association and consequently, both the boxers and the Promoter must pay the sanction fees referred to in article 14, hereof, on sanction fees, independently of the amount established for the approval of the special permit or exception.
- 19.10 In the event that the permit is denied, the sum established as payment for same shall be returned to the champion or to the promoter, whichever made the corresponding payment, with a deduction of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (US\$ 1,000.00) United States currency which will be used to cover expenses in which the World Boxing Association incurs to transact such permits.
- 19.11 When a title or titles of different world organizations are in dispute, and when in such fight a champion recognized by the World Boxing Association or any other world organization participates, the President is empowered to take any decision or measure he may consider pertinent, being understood that are void any Regulations and Rules of World Championship contrary to the presidential decision.-

**20.- CONFLICT WITH LOCAL LAWS**

- 20.1 No provision contained in these regulations shall prevail over the legislation that rules in the territory of a member commission in case it is incompatible or contrary to its application. Without prejudice that a previous agreement with the commission where the fight will take place states otherwise
- 20.1 In order to make compliance of the foregoing article effective, all applications for sanction of a World Championship fight shall be accompanied by a signed declaration by the promoter and the respective boxers, undertaking that the fight will be governed by the Regulations and Rules of World Championships of the Association.

**21.- DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE**

- 21.1 Pursuant to the Association's respective Regulations, all decisions by the World Championships Committee shall be final and universally accepted by the members of the Association, unless the Executive Committee decides to hear any appeal to same or these are confirmed by the Committee.
- 21.2 For any appeal to decisions of the World Championships Committee to be heard by the Executive Committee, it must be presented in writing and received at the offices of the President of the Association within eight (8) days of the date of the decision by the World Championships Committee. With the writ of appeal, the interested party must send a certified check or cash for the amount of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (US\$ 200.00) United States currency.

**22.- COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS**

- 22.1 Compliance with the Regulations on World Championships shall be the responsibility of the World Championships Committee, which must exercise strict vigilance over the World Championship fights approved by the Association, ensuring that all are carried out in an appropriate manner and in accordance with the Regulations on World Championships.

**23.- *LIMITATIONS TO THE PROMOTION OF CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHTS***

- 23.1 It is categorically prohibited to Promoters, Managers, Boxers, to engage in promotion or be partial, either directly or indirectly in differences between contenders on religion, creed, politics, race, nationality or any other difference that is not the contender's natural ability. The World Boxing Association reserves the right to annul the sanction granted to such a world championship fight and to withdraw its recognition of a World Champion to the title and his standing as such from challenger, and to cancel the promoter's license to promote world championship fights. The Association may also suspend or withdraw its recognition or the participant's managers.

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## **REGULATIONS AND RULES GOVERNING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS**

The rules and regulations that govern the World Championship bouts, adopted by the World Boxing Association, shall be obligatory and binding in all World Boxing Association's sanctioned fights, and shall prevail over local Rules and Regulations. These regulations shall be applied in all World Championship fights of professional boxing recognized by the World Boxing Association.

### **1.- GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1.1 The Championship bouts shall be held under the jurisdiction of the Local Commission or organization legally authorized to regulate, control, or supervise the professional boxing and under the Rules and Regulations of the World Boxing Association, who shall designate an officer to assure that all championship regulations of the World Boxing Association are properly enforced.
- 1.2 All World Championship bouts shall be of a twelve (12) round duration. Each round shall consist of a three (3) minutes duration with a one (1) minute rest between round.
- 1.3 The officers designated to keep score and, consequently, the designated to make a decision shall be three (3) judges, appointed by the World Boxing Association's President as established in the World Championship Regulations.  
  
The judges shall keep score and shall decide on the results of the bout using the score system know as "Ten Point score System". In this system, the winner of each round shall be entitled to ten (10) points, and the opponent to a proportional smaller number. Under no circumstances, the score should be

less than ten (10) seven (7). All rounds must be scored, even incomplete rounds.

- 1.4 SCORING OF INCOMPLETE ROUNDS. If by any reason the fight ends in the middle of a round that has not lasted three minutes, it will be considered as an incomplete round. Its scoring will be as follows:
- a) When in that round one or both contenders have gotten point or points deductions, the judge will register the sanction in his score card, so that if the fight has to be stopped in that incomplete round and it were necessary to go to the score cards the point or points deducted be registered.
  - b) In any other case where the decision is technical and that it is necessary to go to the scorecards.

## **2.- *WEIGHT AND WEIGHING CEREMONY***

- 2.1 The official weigh-in for a World Title fight shall take place the day prior to the fight, between 4:00 P.M. (16:00 hours) and 8:00 P.M. (20:00 hours).
- 2.2 In the case of, force majeure or a fortuitous case that cannot be foreseen by any of the parties, in a program including a world title bout that have to be postponed for a period of time no longer than forty eight (48) hours, a new weigh-in shall not be necessary. If the cause for the postponement was due to an atmospheric phenomenon or any circumstance that could be solved in less than two (2) hours, no decision shall be made before the expiration of this time. The Supervisor shall make any decision about the matter, in mutual agreement with the Local Commission.
- 2.3 The weight determines the Category. Should any of the contenders, Champion or Challenger, fail in reaching the weight limit determined in the category, at the appointed time for the official weighing, each one of them, or both, shall have two (2) additional hours to make the prescribed weight.
- 2.4 Should the World Champion fail in making the prescribed weight after the



given additional two (2) hours period, then he shall immediately lose the title, (this is known in boxing as "Lost the title on the Scale") and the bout shall be staged as scheduled, provided that the challenger had made the prescribed weight. If under these circumstances, the challenger wins the bout, she shall be crowned new Champion, but in case the Champion who did not make the prescribed weight is the winner of the fight, then the title shall be declared " VACANT".

- 2.5 If the Champions makes the weight and the Challenger fail in making it, the Champion shall retain the title, even if he loses the bout.
- 2.6 Should both contender fail in making the weight after the two (2) additional hours given, the title shall be declared VACANT and the bout shall be staged as a NON-TITLE match.
- 2.7 The scales to be used at the official weighing, shall be available to both boxers, at least, two (2) hours before the official weighing time.

### **3.- *KNOCKDOWN AND KNOCKOUT***

- 3.1 A boxer shall deemed to be "down" when any part of his body, except his feet, makes contact with the floor of the ring, or when he hangs helplessly over the ropes as a result of a legal blow according to the judgment of the referee, who is the only authorized person to determine when a boxer has suffered a knockdown.
- 3.2 The protection count of eight (8) second after each down, shall be mandatory and shall be put into effect in all world championship bouts.
- 3.3 Three (3) knockdowns in the same round constitute an automatic knockout, unless that stipulated in article 20 of the World Championships Regulations.
- 3.4 When a contender is knocked down, the referee shall begin the count immediately, in a loud voice, accompanied by a movement of his arm. If the knocked boxer would not stand up before the count of ten (10), he will be

declared the loser by K.O. (Knockout), and the referee shall make it known by waving both arms.

- 3.5 When a contender is considered knockdown, the referee shall order the opponent to retire to the farthest corner of the ring, in relation to the knocked down boxer, pointing at such corner, and he shall immediately count the seconds taking the count from the knockdown judge. If the boxer refuses to go to the farthest corner determined by the referee, or does not stay there, the referee shall stop the count to the knocked down boxer until his opponent retires to the indicated corner, and then, the referee shall continue with the count starting from the point from which it was interrupted.
- 3.6 If a boxer is thrown through the ropes, out of the platform of the ring, as a result of a fair blow, he cannot be helped to return to the ring by any person and, in these cases, the count shall be of TWENTY (20) SECONDS INSTEAD OF TEN (10). If the boxer is not able to return to the ring before the TWENTY (20) seconds, the referee shall declare him a loser by KO and shall raise the hand of the opponent declaring him the winner.
- 3.7 The referee shall count the seconds to a knocked down boxer even if the bell is calling the end of the round has rung, and if the knocked down boxer fails to stand up before the count of ten (10) he shall be declared loser by KO (knockout) in the round that has just finished.
- 3.8 No regulation shall change the fact that a World Title fight will end in the last second of the third minute of the twelfth round, when the bell rings indicating that the fight has ended, and the fight shall not continue unless the boxer has been knocked down and the referee is counting to him.
- 3.9 BLOWS AFTER THE BELL. If the blow is given AT THE SAME TIME THE BELL RINGS, it will be considered a legal blow and consequently the referee shall act according to the rules, that is to say, count to the knocked down boxer.

#### 4.- *ILLEGAL BLOWS (FOULS)*

4.1 It is clearly understood that a world championship bout cannot be terminated by a low-blow since the protector deemed to be used by both boxers is considered sufficient protection to withstand any of the so called low-blows which should incapacitate any of the contenders.

4.2 Should any of the contenders throw himself on the floor or otherwise indicate his unwillingness to continue the fight, claiming a low-blow, the knockdown judge and the referee shall immediately begin the count, and should the claiming boxer not resume the fight before the count of ten (10), he shall be declared the loser by KO (Knockout), unless the referee had determine the low-blow.

In case of accidental low-blow, thus determined by the referee, he shall determine if the boxer who received the low-blow may continue or not the fight.

If the capacity of the low-blown boxer have not been endangered, as a result of the low-blow, then the referee shall order to resume the fight after an interval which is subject to the referee's discretion but which shall not be longer than five minutes.

The boxer unable or unwilling to resume the fight after this maximum time limit of five (5) minutes, shall lose the fight by TKO (TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT).

4.3 Should any of the contenders deliberately and intentionally hit illegal blows to his opponent, he shall be penalized with the loss of points, or be disqualified, depending on the seriousness of the fault, subject to the referee's discretion.

No regulation shall change the fact that a World Title fight will end in the last second of the third minute of the twelfth round, when the bell rings indicating that the fight has ended, and the fight shall not continue unless the

boxer has been knocked down and the referee is counting to him.

**5.- *INJURIES (CUTS) OR WOUNDS***

5.1 The injuries or wounds may be the result of:

- a) FAIR BLOWS
- b) UNFAIR BLOWS

5.2 FAIR BLOWS:

When an injury (cut) or a wound is produced by a fair blow and due to its seriousness, the bout cannot continue, the injured or wounded boxer shall lose the fight by TKO (TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT)

5.3 UNFAIR BLOWS:

The unfair blows may be the result of:

- a) INTENTIONAL BLOWS
  - b) ACCIDENTAL BLOWS
  - c) HEADBUTTS
- a) **INTENTIONAL BLOWS:** When a boxer should intentionally punch an unfair blow to his opponent, and as result, an injury or wound is produced, and due to its seriousness the wounded boxer could not continue the fight, the boxer who intentionally punched the unfair blow BY DISQUALIFICATION.
- Should under the same circumstances (intentional unfair blow), the fight be resumed the referee shall penalize the offender by deducting him points, depending on the severity of the offense.
- In these cases, the referee shall IMMEDIATELY notify, the Local Commission representatives, the fight supervisor who represents the

World Boxing Association, and the judges of the fight, that the wound was produced by an unfair intentional blow, for if the wound get worse in subsequent rounds to the point that the suspension of the fight would be deemed necessary, the decision to call shall be as follows:

**TECHNICAL DRAW:** If the injured boxer is in disadvantage or in a draw in the scorecards of the judges.

**TECHNICAL DECISION:** In favor of the injured boxer if he is in advantage in the score cards of the judges.

In case a boxer should suffer an injury, produced by himself when he was trying to cause a wound to his opponent, the referee shall make no decision in his favor, and the injury or wound shall be considered produced by a fair blow from his opponent.

- c) **ACCIDENTAL BLOWS:** If the referee sees, or if after consulting with the judge he determines that a boxer has been injured in an accidental manner, and as a consequence of this wound, the boxer is not able to continue the fight, the referee shall IMMEDIATELY notify, the Local Commission representatives, the fight supervisor who represents the World Boxing Association, and the judges of the fight. Should under the same circumstances (intentional unfair blow), the fight be resumed the referee shall IMMEDIATELY notify above mentioned persons that the wound was produced by an unfair intentional blow, for if the wound get worse in subsequent rounds to the point that the suspension of the fight would be deemed necessary, the decision to call shall be as follows:

**TECHNICAL DRAW:** In case that both boxers are in a draw in the score cards of the judges, or in case that no more than four (4) rounds

have gone by to stop the fight.

TECHNICAL DECISION: In favor of the boxer that at that moment is in advantage in the score cards of the judges. Only the score of the complete rounds shall be taken into account.

- c) **HEADBUTTS**: In case an accidental headbutt is given and it produces an injury (a cut), the offender will automatically be deducted two points, and he will be deducted only one (1) point when the opponent has not been cut.

## **6.- THE REFEREE**

- 6.1 The referee shall exercise immediate authority, direction, and control over the fight to which he has been designated, and it shall be his responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations governing the world championship bouts sanctioned by the World Boxing Association.

The referee shall be the only authorized person to determine, or to decide, if the injuries or wounds suffered during the fight have been produced by a fair or unfair blow, and if it was accidental or intentional.

The referee shall have the authority to stop the fight and make a decision, pursuant to the regulations, during any stage of the fight, if he considers that the bout has become "one-sided", or if any of the contenders is in such condition that if the fight continues he is liable to suffer serious damage.

In case one of the boxers suffers a cut or a wound, that the referee may considers dangerous, the referee has the authority to stop the fight and in such case, he must consult the physician in attendance, on the convenience of stopping altogether the fight or not. The physician shall give his advise to the referee, but, the referee is the only authorized person to stop the fight.

## **7.- THE RINGSIDE PHYSICIAN**

7.1 The ringside physician may only step up to the ring, during the progress of the fight, when required to do so by the referee, but may step up to the ring to examine a boxer, following his own judgment, during the intermissions between rounds and shall inform the referee on his opinion concerning the physical condition of any of the contenders.

The physician shall avoid any gestures or signal indicating his opinion to other persons, other than the referee, because he could be erroneously interpreted by the public or by the interested persons.

#### 8.- *DRUGS AND STIMULANTS*

8.1 The administration to or the use of drugs or stimulants by any of the contenders, before or during the fight, is definitely forbidden. Any of the boxers violating this rule shall be subject to be disqualified. The boxers, during the fight, are only entitled to ingest PURE WATER. Any other substance is prohibited.

The discretionary use of Vaseline around the eyes shall be allowed; however the use of grease, Vaseline, or any other substance in arms, legs or body of the contenders is forbidden.

#### 9.- *HOMEOSTATIC*

The discretionary use of homeostatic, such as adrenaline solution at 1 x 1000, shall be allowed in order to control bleeding of minor cuts or lacerations suffered by the boxers during the bout. The use of homeostatic solutions based on iron, such as Monsel solution, or the use of any other caustic solution is prohibited.

The usage for these prohibited substance constitutes sufficient cause for

disqualification. The ringside physician is authorized to examine, at any time, the substances being used as homeostatic during the fight.

#### **10.- GLOVES**

10.1 The weight of the gloves to be used in world championship bouts shall be as follows:

From Super Welterweight up to and including Heavyweight, ten (10) ounces gloves shall be used.

From Minimum up to and including Welterweight, eight (8) ounce gloves shall be used.

When in the contract of boxers the trademark is not established, the Local Commission shall decide the glove trademark to be used.

#### **11.- BANDAGE**

11.1 In all categories including Middleweight the bandage shall be of no more than ten (10) yards of soft gauze of no more than two (2) inches wide and no more than six (6) feet of surgeon's tape for each hand.

In the categories between Light Heavyweight and up to including Heavyweight, the bandage of the hand shall be of (12) yards of soft gauze of no more than two (2) inches wide, and no more than one inch wide of (8) feet of surgeon's tape, one inch wide, for each hand.

The binding of the surgeon's tape must not be applied in less than one (1) inch from the knuckles of the contender's hands.

The style of bandage shall be free, being understood that the boxer may use his bandage as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hand are not covered by the surgeon's tape.



## **12.- SUSPENSION OF THE FIGHT DUE TO UNFORESEEN CAUSES**

- 12.1 If due to any unforeseen or accidental cause should it be necessary to suspend a world championship bout before the end of the scheduled rounds, a TECHNICAL DECISION shall be given in favor of the boxer who at the moment is in advantage in the score cards of the judges, provided that at the moment of the suspension, at least four (4) complete rounds have passed. Should the contest be suspended before the four (4) complete rounds, the decision shall be a TECHNICAL DRAW.
- 12.2 The self given wounds or those suffered by the boxers during the bout, as for example, fractures, sprain, twist of a joint, swoon, etc. do not constitute accident for the purpose of this regulation, and should any of these upsetting prevent a boxer from continuing the fight, he shall lose the contest by TKO (TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT)

## **13.- ANTI-DOPING TEST**

- 13.1 The anti-drug test shall be mandatory in all world championship fights recognized by the World Boxing Association, following the provisions established for the fulfillment of it.

## **14.- THE RING**

The rings to be used in any World Championship bouts shall measure no less than eighteen- (18) feet (5.486 m) and no more than twenty-four (24) feet (7.315 m) long for each side between the ropes. The ring floor shall extend further the ring no more than eighteen- (18) inches (457,2 mm).

The ring padding shall consist of one (1) inch layer of "Ensolite Boxing Ring Pad"

or similar material applied over one-inch base of Celotex Building Board or similar material.

All boxing rings must be equipped with four parallel ring ropes each no less than one (1) inch thick in diameter. Such ropes shall be manila rope, synthetic rope or plastic rope or any similar material and shall not be made of metal of any type. The first shall at eighteen (18) inches above the ring rope, the second rope shall at thirty (30) inches above the ring floor, the third rope shall be at forty two (42) inches above the ring floor, and the fourth rope shall be at fifty four (54) inches above the ring floor.

## **15.- PROTECTORS**

15.1 The genital protector and mouth protectors shall be of obligatory usage to all boxers participating in world championship fights.

The genital protector shall exceed neither the navel nor the ileum. The trunks shall go one (1) inch over the genital protector. Boxers shall wear the trunks and the genital protector to the weighing ceremony so that the supervisor once he sees them and can approve or disapprove them.

15.2 When, for any reason, a boxer loses the mouth protector during the contest, the referee shall pick up the protector, without stopping the fight, and without losing the sight of the fight, shall deliver or throw the protector to the seconds of the boxer in order for them to clean it and rapidly and return it as soon as possible.

The referee, making good use of his judgment, shall at the appropriate moment, place again the protector to the boxer who has lost it.

The boxer who, at the referee's judgment, intentionally throws the mouth protector, shall be warned the very first time, and if he continues with this action, the referee can penalize him with a point deduction, through the

judges officiating the bout.

It is mandatory for the boxer to come out, at the beginning of every round, with the mouth protector duly placed. If due to forgetfulness, carelessness, or second ability, this is not complied, the referee shall warn the boxer's seconds. Should they continue with this irregularity, the referee may order the respective point deductions.

**16.- SECONDS**

Each contender shall be allowed no more than three (3) seconds, one of which shall be the principal second who shall be responsible for the behavior in the corner during the bout.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF WBA CHAMPIONSHIP'S RULES**

- 1.- The Rules and Regulations governing World Championship fights, as adopted by the World Boxing Association, would be mandatory and of compulsory fulfillment in every fight to be sanctioned by the World Boxing Association and will prevail over any rules and regulations enforced locally. (Article VIII, WBA Constitution)
- 2.- The fight will be of TWELVE (12) ROUNDS DURATION AND THE "TEN (10) POINTS MUST SYSTEM" SHALL BE USED TO SCORE EACH ROUND.
- 3.- The Weigh-in ceremony will be held on

\_\_\_\_\_ according to the provisions of 13 Rule of the  
(Day        &        Time)

World Championship's Regulations. The official scale will be at the disposal of the boxers, TWO (2) HOURS PRIOR TO THE WEIGH-IN CEREMONY.

- 4.- The "Three Knockdown Rule" will be in effect.
- 5.- There will be no standing eight count.
- 6.- The bell can save the boxer only in the last round.
- 7.- A fighter who is hit with a low blow must continue after a rest period of FIVE (5) minutes or less as determined by the referee of he will lose the fight by Technical Knock Out (TKO).
- 8.- FOULS
  - (A) INTENTIONAL
  - (B) ACCIDENTAL

A.- INTENTIONAL: If the injured fighter cannot continue, the offender will lose the fight by DISQUALIFICATION.

If the fight continues and later on, the fight is stopped because the same injury becomes worse, then, if the injured boxer is ahead on points he will be the winner by TECHNICAL DECISION; if he is

even or behind on the score cards, the decision will be a TECHNICAL DRAW.

Complete rounds will only be scored and the third round has to be completed in order to go the score cards.

B.- ACCIDENTAL FOULS: If a fighter is accidentally injured and the fight cannot continue, or if the fight does not continue and, subsequently, the injury becomes severe enough to stop the fight, then the fighter who is ahead on points will be the winner by TECHNICAL DECISION, provided the third round has been completed.

- 9.- OF THE REFEREE: The referee is the only person authorized to stop the fight and to decide whether a wound or injury was caused by a legal or an illegal blow; intentional or accidental.
- 10.- ANTI-DOPING TEST: An Anti-Doping Test will be performed before or after the fight. The regulations related to the "Anti-Doping Test", must be read in the "Reading of the Rules Ceremony", which is performed before each World Championship Contest (Rule 8.2 Rules and Regulations governing World Championship Contests")
- 11.- The boxers should only drink pure water during the event:
- 12.- OF THE MOUTHPIECE: When, for whatever reason, the boxer loses his mouthpiece, the referee will proceed to place it back at the most convenient moment, according to his judgments.

The fight itself CANNOT be stopped by reason of loss or ejection of the mouthpiece. The Referee will exercise full authority to prevent a boxer from ejecting his mouthpiece intentionally, and may discount points on account of his behavior.

13.- SUSPENSION OF A FIGHT FOR UNEXPECTED REASON:

If the fight has to be suspended before the end of the scheduled number of rounds because of any unpredictable or accidental reason, the boxer who is ahead on the score cards, will be declared the winner, as long as the have fought FOUR (4) rounds.

Before four (4) complete rounds, the decision will be a TECHNICAL DRAW.

14.- BANDAGE: In every World Championship fight of the World Boxing Association, the quantity of tape and the bandaging material to be used are stipulated in Article 11 of the Rules pertaining to World Championship's fights.

Technicalities as to the ways and style of bandaging the hands are left to the boxers, but on no account can the surgical tape reach beyond or cover the knuckles.

15.- OF THE SUPERVISOR: The Supervisor appointed to act in a World Championship Fight is the personal representative of the President of the World Boxing Association. His duties are: To assist and help the local Commission with regards to the handling of the fight, and to make sure that all the WBA Rules and Regulations for World Championship fights are complied with. He has full authority to take whatever steps he may consider necessary to safeguard the good name of the WBA and the best interest of all concerned.

WEIGHT AS PER CATEGORY

MINI FLYWEIGHT	105	Lbs.	47.63	Kgs.
LIGHT FLY	108	Lbs.	48.99	Kgs.
FLYWEIGHT	112	Lbs.	50.80	Kgs.
SUPER FLYWEIGHT	115	Lbs.	52.16	Kgs.
BANTAMWEIGHT	118	Lbs.	53.52	Kgs.

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT	122	Lbs.	55.34 Kgs.
FEATHERWEIGHT	126	Lbs.	57.15 Kgs.
SUPER FEATHER	130	Lbs.	58.97 Kgs.
LIGHTWEIGHT	135	Lbs.	61.23 Kgs.
SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT	140	Lbs.	63.50 Kgs.
WELTER WEIGHT	147	Lbs.	66.68 Kgs.
SUPER WELTERWEIGHT	154	Lbs.	69.85 Kgs.
MIDDLEWEIGHT	160	Lbs.	72.57 Kgs.
SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	168	Lbs.	76.20 Kgs.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	175	Lbs.	79.38 Kgs.
CRUISERWEIGHT	190	Lbs.	86.18 Kgs.
HEAVYWEIGHT	190	Lbs. +	86.18 Kgs. +

**WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION**  
**REGULATIONS AND RULES GOVERNING**  
**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS' ACCEPTANCE MINUTE**

In the city of \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_,

These are the Rules and Regulations that govern World Boxing Championships Fights, recognized by the World Boxing Association, and they will be applied in the World Championship Fight to be held in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ between the Champion of the \_\_\_\_\_ category, \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ and the Challenger \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

The undersigned, after having read and having understood what is specified in the Rules herewith attached, declare ourselves duly notified and declares our acceptance that in case of differences in the interpretation of same, the Supervisor appointed by the World Boxing Association shall be deciding referee.

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD CHAMPION

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHALLENGER

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL COMMISSION AUTHORITY

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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LOCAL COMMISSION ATTENDING PHYSICIAN



**WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION**  
**URINE SAMPLE TAKING MINUTE**

And now this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at  
\_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ undersigned agreed as follows:

1. They observed the taking of a Urine Specimen from \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ -
2. The Specimen was taken in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the World  
Boxing Association and is to be used for an anti-doping test.-
3. The Specimen was taken by \_\_\_\_\_, M.D., and duly Licensed  
physician appointed by the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission.
- 4.- To abide by any all decision of the World Boxing Association, regarding said test.

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD CHAMPION

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHALLENGER

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL COMMISSION AUTHORITY

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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LOCAL COMMISSION ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

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## WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

### *SAFETY CODE*

ADOPTED in 1984 (\*)

#### ARTICLE 1:

- a) In order to obtain a license or the renewal of a license, all boxers must submit to a thorough medical examination by a physician approved by the Boxing Commission. The examination shall include a complete history of the applicant and any of all of the following laboratory procedures at the discretion of such physician: x-rays, skull x-rays, flat abdominal x-rays, electrocardiogram, complete blood count, including bleeding and coagulation time, urine analysis, serological examination of syphilis, neurological and psychiatric examination, and any other test which might be indicated by the past record or present condition of the applicant. HIV.

The following minimum physical requirements and disqualification shall apply to professional boxers (unless contrary to law of a given region).

1. - Age:           Upper Limit - 36 years  
                      Lower Limit - 17 years

Exception: If in a championship bout, the fighter is just over 36 years (Example: 36 years and 7 days), then this may be waived by discretion of the Commissioner. No person of 36 years or over will be allowed to start a career in professional boxing.

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(\*) This instrument contains basic measures of safety that the WBA recommends to all its members to evaluate the risks related in boxing so that the necessary protection measures can be adopted.

2. - Blood Pressure: No over 150/90. If the physician thinks that the blood pressure was raised because of the boxer's anxiety, he may take several readings. If a boxer suffers from hypertension above 150/90, without evidence of cardiovascular disease and can be controlled with diuretics or low salt diet, he may be allowed to fight.
3. - No organic heart disease or history of cardiac surgery.
4. - No active lung disease, e.g., pneumonia, tuberculosis, pneumothorax.
5. - Fundi-no retinopathy or detached retinas (repaired or not).
6. - Vision -both eyes without the use of lens, not less than J7 for close vision or no more than 20/100 for distant vision. No contact lenses.
7. - Abdomen -no hernias or organomegalia (enlarged liver or spleen) or palpable masses.
8. - Oral temperature- not over 37.4° C or 100° F.
9. - No dental abscess
10. - No skin infection.
11. - No recently wound on face or ear which is less than 6 week old.
12. - No active ear infections.
13. - No absence of kidney or actual renal (kidney) disease.
14. - No body deformity that may tend to cause bodily injuries.
15. - No cranial or brain surgery.
16. - No changes in gait, mental status, or boxing performance.
17. - No hand fractures less than 6 weeks old.
18. - No history of epilepsy.
19. - No history of mental illness.
20. - No rapid dehydration. If a boxer is more than 5% overweight 5 days before a fight, he should not be allowed to dehydrate himself and should not be permitted to fight. If he presents

signs of dehydration or excessive loss of weight on the day of the fight, he should not be permitted to fight.

- b) All boxers applying for an original given electroencephalogram, chest x-rays, serological test for syphilis and preferably a CAT SCAN of the brain. The CAT Scan of the brain shall be an obligatory exam for all classified WBA boxers, and should be repeated when clinical circumstances so require. Any boxer that presents an altered Cat Scan that indicates brain atrophy, intra or extra cerebral hemorrhage, aneurysms, or any other pathological abnormalities, shall be retired permanently from boxing.

ARTICLE 3: All boxers in championship or other main bout must be given a physical examination at least five (5) days prior to the date of the contest. Such examination shall be performed by a physician approved by the Boxing Commission and shall include, as many of the laboratory procedures outlined in Section (a) as the examining physician may decide are necessary.

ARTICLE 3: Boxers in all have the type of examination outlined in section (a) on the day of the weigh-in and again a short while before the boxing program begins. The boxer shall furthermore, be checked by a physician before leaving the venue of the tournament.

ARTICLE 4: In all categories the bandage of the hand shall be of (12) yards of soft gauze of no more than two (2) inches wide, and no more than one inch wide of (8) feet of surgeon's tape, one inch wide, for each hand.

The binding of the surgeon's tape must not be applied in less than one (1) inch from the knuckles of the contender's hands.

The style of bandage shall be free, being understood that the boxer may use his bandage as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hand are not covered by the surgeon's tape.

Solely: The quantity of gauze and the bandage herein established could be extend in the following manner:

In all the weight category, including Middleweight; the hand bandaging will be up to a maximum of twelve (12) yards and no more than two (2) inches wide, and eight (8) feet of surgeon's tape of one (1) inch wide for each hand.

In the weight categories, including light heavyweight up to heavyweight, the hand bandages will be up to a maximum of fourteen (14) yards long and ten (10) feet of surgeon's tape of one (1) inch wide, for each hand. The binding of the surgeon's tape must not be applied in less than one (1) inch from the knuckles of the contender's hands.

These bandaging shall be adjusted in the dressing room in the presence of a Commission representative. Under no condition bandages are to be placed on the hands of the contestants until its representatives stamp the approval of the Commission on the bandages.

ARTICLE 5: In the event of any serious injury, the ringside physician shall immediately render any emergency treatment necessary, recommend further treatment or hospitalization if indicated, and fully report the entire matter to the Commission within twenty four (24) hours and subsequently thereafter, if necessary. Such physician may also require that the injured boxer remain in the ring or on the premises after the contest for such period of time, as the physician deems advisable.

ARTICLE 6: The referee shall exercise immediate authority, direction, and control over the fight to which he has been designated, and it shall be his responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations governing the world championship bouts sanctioned by the World Boxing Association.

The referee shall be the only authorized person to determine, or to decide, if the injuries or wounds suffered during the fight have been produced by a fair or unfair blow, and if it was accidental or intentional.

The referee shall have the authority to stop the fight and make a decision, pursuant to the regulations, during any stage of the fight, if he

considers that the bout has become "one-sided", or if any of the contenders is in such condition that if the fight continues he is liable to suffer serious damage.

In case one of the boxers suffers a cut or a wound, that the referee may considers dangerous, the referee has the authority to stop the fight and in such case, he must consult the physician in attendance, on the convenience of stopping altogether the fight or not. The physician shall give his advice to the referee, but the referee is the only authorized person to stop the fight.

ARTICLE 7: The number of Commission physician required to be in attendance at each bout and the type and quantity of medical and emergency equipment which the license promoting corporation shall have available ate ringside or elsewhere in the premises, shall be as the Commission may prescribe from time by bulletin.

ARTICLE 8: Any boxer who has sustained any severe injury or actual knockout, in a bout, shall, within twenty four (24) hours, be thoroughly examined by a physician approved by the Boxing Commission. Such examination shall include any or all the procedures as provided in Section (a) above, or as is specifically directed by the Commission physician or the ringside physician. Upon the physician's request, the Commission may suspend the boxer until he is fully recovered, and similarly, may extend such suspension already imposed.

ARTICLE 9: All medical reports submitted to the Commission relative to the physical examination or condition of boxers shall be considered confidential, and shall be open to examination only to the Commission or its authorized representative, to the licensed boxer upon his written apnation to the Commission or its authorized representative, to the licensed boxer upon his written application to examine said records, or upon the order of a court of competent jurisdiction in an appropriate case.

ARTICLE 10: Any contestant who has lost six (6) consecutive fights, must be automatically suspended and cannot be reenroll until he has submitted to a medical examination of the type specified in (a) above.

ARTICLE 11: Any boxer who has suffered an actual knockout shall be suspended for at least sixty (60) days and shall forthwith surrender his license card to the Commission. He cannot be reinstated until he has submitted to a medical examination of the type specified in Section (a) above.

If such a boxer suffers a knockout in his next bout, or within three- (3) month following a previous knockout, he shall be suspended from boxing for a period six (6) months. During the six- (6) months interval he shall refrain from any contact training in the gymnasiums. It shall be the responsibility of the boxer's manager to see that he complies with this rule, and any violation shall result in indefinite suspension of the boxer and/or his manger.

The following automatic suspension shall come into effect irrespective of the outcome of the bout:

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|----|-------------------------|---------|
| a) | More than 10 rounds     | 30 days |
| b) | Between 6 and 10 rounds | 21 days |
| c) | Between 1 and 6 rounds  | 14 days |

ARTICLE 12: In all boxing bouts, including championship matches, when a boxers is clearly knocked down he shall be required to take a count of eight (8) whether of not he has regained his feet before the count of eight (8) has been reached.

Should a boxer slip, fall down or be pushed down, he shall be ordered to his feet immediately. Failure to raise may subject him to disqualification.

ARTICLE 13: Semiannual and annual medical examinations must be given to all licensed judges referees by the Commission physician and such



examination must be of the same type and thoroughness as is outlined in Section (a).

ARTICLE 14: In the event that a boxer who has suffered a knockout or any severe injury has on such account been treated by his personal physician or has been hospitalized, he or his manager must promptly submit to the Boxing Commission a full report from such physician or hospital.

ARTICLE 15: The Commission shall appoint a panel of three physicians to especially examine any licensed boxer when a question arises as to the physical ability of such licensee to engage in a scheduled match, and the findings of such panel shall be a conclusive determination of such question. Any injury of illness before a scheduled match or while in training for a such match must be fully reported to the Commission within twenty four (24) hours by the licensee or his licensed manager. In such event the Commission does not request the appointment of such panel, the license must be examine by one approved physician in accordance with he procedure outlined in Section 1, above.

ARTICLE 16: In all boxing bouts, including championship matches, when a boxer is clearly knocked down, a total of three (3) times in any one round, the contest should be determined and the opponent shall be awarded the decision. All knockdowns must be for the mandatory eight- (8) count.

ARTICLE 17: When a boxer is knocked out, the referee shall perform a full ten (10) second count in order to avoid confusion as to the termination of the contest.

Except in the final round of a bout, when a round in any boxing contest shall terminate before a contestant who has been knocked down shall have risen from the floor of the ring the timekeeper's count shall be continued. If the fallen contestant shall fail to rise before the count of ten (10) he shall be considered to have lost the bout by a knockout in the round lately concluded.

ARTICLE 18: When a boxer has been knocked out, none of his handlers is to touch him, except to remove his rubber mouth protector until the attending physician enters the ring and personally attends the fallen boxer, and issues such instruction as he sees fit to the boxer's handlers.

ARTICLE 19: Each boxer shall be equipped with and use throughout the out a custom made individually fabricated mouth guard.

ARTICLE 20: The weight of gloves to be used in professional boxing contest shall be as follows:

From Jr. Middleweight up to and including Heavyweight, ten (10) ounces gloves shall be used.

From Minimum up to and including Welterweight, eight (8) ounce gloves shall be used

ARTICLE 21: All boxing rings must be equipped with four ring ropes each no less than one (1) inch thick in diameter. Such ropes shall be manila rope, synthetic rope or plastic rope or any similar material and shall not be made of metal of any type. The first shall at eighteen (18) inches above the ring rope, the second rope shall at thirty (30) inches above the ring floor, the third rope shall be at forty two (42) inches above the ring floor, and the fourth rope shall be at fifty four (54) inches above the ring floor.

The ring padding shall consist of one (1) inch layer of "Ensolite Boxing Ring Pad" or similar material applied over one-inch base of Celotex Building Board or similar material.

ARTICLE 22: A portable resuscitator with oxygen equipment and a stretcher shall be available at ringside. An ambulance properly equipped with resuscitation equipment and manned by duly trained personnel to transfer any injured boxer to a hospital that is available at the site of the bout. The injured boxer should be transported to a hospital, which has neurological facilities.

ARTICLE 23: In each application for a bout, the results of the last six bouts for each main event contestant shall be included in a sworn statement signed by the boxer manager and promoter. This shall include a clause certifying

that the boxer is in excellent physical condition and is not concealing and or injury.

ARTICLE 24: Any boxer, manager, second, referee, time keeper or judge who has been convicted or a narcotic law violation shall be permanently barred from the boxing profession.

ARTICLE 25: If there has been any evidence that a boxer, manager, second, referee, timekeeper, or judge has self-administered Marijuana, L.S.A., Mathedrine, Mescaline, or other psychotropic habit forming drugs, upon proof of such evidence, that individual shall be permanently barred from the boxing profession.

ARTICLE 26: If there is any evidence that a boxer has self administrated any psychic and stimulator such as amphetamines and/or its analogs just prior to a boxing match, that boxer shall be suspended immediately and he shall be denied the privilege of participating in the scheduled bout. Any manager or second who administers amphetamines and/or its analogs to a boxer just prior to a bout shall be permanently barred from the boxing profession.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SAFETY ASPECTS**

### ***WEIGHT AS PER CATEGORY***

The World Champions shall be recognized in the following weight categories or divisions:

MINIMUM	105 Lbs.	47.63 Kgs.
Jr. FLY	108 Lbs.	48.99 Kgs.
FLY	112 Lbs.	50.80 Kgs.
Jr. BANTAM	115 Lbs.	52.16 Kgs.
BANTAM	118 Lbs.	53.52 Kgs.
Jr. FEATHER	122 Lbs.	55.34 Kgs.
FEATHER	126 Lbs.	57.15 Kgs.
Jr. LIGHT	130 Lbs.	58.97 Kgs.
LIGHT	135 Lbs.	61.23 Kgs.
Jr. WELTER	140 Lbs.	63.50 Kgs.
WELTER	147 Lbs.	66.68 Kgs.
Jr. MIDDLE	154 Lbs.	69.85 Kgs.
MIDDLE	160 Lbs.	72.57 Kgs.
SUPER MIDDLE	168 Lbs.	76.20 Kgs.
LIGHT HEAVY	175 Lbs.	79.38 Kgs.
CRUISER	190 Lbs.	86.18 Kgs.
HEAVY	190 Lbs. Plus	86.18 Kgs. Plus

## **WEIGHT**

The weight determines the category. Should any of the contenders, either Champion or Challenger, fail in reaching the limit weight determined in the category, at the indicated date for the official weighing, each one or both of them, shall have two (2) additional hours to meet the weight prescribed by the regulations.

The official weigh-in for a World Title fight shall take place the day prior to the fight, between 4:00 P.M. (16:00 hours) and 8:00 P.M. (20:00 hours).

## **DRUGS AND STIMULANTS**

The administration or use of drugs or stimulants, or physiologic substances in order to increase the performance of the boxer in an artificial and unfair manner, before or during the bout is forbidden. Any fighter who violates this rule shall be disqualified.

Especially forbidden drugs are the stimulants, narcotics and their derivatives, psychotropic drugs, anabolic steroids, corticosteroids, diuretics, probenecid, and, furthermore, whatever other substance determined by the Medical Advising Committee of the World Boxing Association, which shall issue a list of forbidden substances. This list shall be updated periodically by this Committee, and notified to the affiliated Commissions.

Any substance, that is not pure water, given to a contender during the bout, is absolutely forbidden. The discretionary use of Vaseline around the eyes shall be permitted; however, the use of Vaseline, grease or any other substance on the arms, legs or body on any of the contenders is forbidden. The discretionary use of hemostatic shall be permitted, such as adrenaline solution (1/1000), approved by the ring doctor between the rounds, for the purpose of controlling the bleeding or minor cuts and laceration received from one of the contenders. It is absolutely forbidden the use, by the contenders, of iron hemostatic substances as Monsel solution and the use of such coagulants shall be considered a violation and shall be sufficient cause for an immediate disqualification.

The Medical Advisory Committee, in addition to the list of substances, shall issued and keep an updated list of hemostatics not considered harmful to the boxer, and, therefore, its use shall be permitted during the bout.

In all World Championship fights the anti-drug tests are obligatory; they should be taken before and/or after the fight. The sample taking shall take place in al official ceremony for both boxers and in the same place.

The place and time of the sample taking shall be announced to the boxer and/or his representative and his trainer, jointly with the supervisor of the fight and the assigned member of the local commission, preferably at the reading of the rules ceremony. If the time of the sample taking is not indicated, it shall be understood that it shall take place at the end of the bout.

The boxer shall have the right to have his representative and/or trainer present at the sample taking process. Nevertheless, even if they do not make use of this right, the sample shall retain all its value. The boxer shall produce the sample before the doctor assigned to the bout or his substitute, a member of the local commission, and the supervisor of the fight. When, due to circumstances beyond control, the supervisor of the fight or the member of the local commission could not attend to the sample taking, it shall be carried out with the doctor and any of the two present, and it shall retain its entire legal value.

The sample shall be collected in a sterile recipient and shall be divided into two equal parts in a sterile container. The specimens should be clearly marked with the name of the boxer, and sealed in the presence of the boxer. After letting the boxer or his representative verify the seals, a Minute shall be drafted indicating on it the date, time and place and other details on the sample collection.

The first specimen as well as the second shall be sent within the first forty eight (48) hours, by the doctor assigned to the bout or his substitute, to a laboratory authorized by the local commission, which shall open and analyze the first set of samples and the result shall be privately notified to the local commission and to the World Boxing Association. The World Boxing Association shall notify the results to the boxers and their representatives.

The doctor shall be responsible for the sample, shall deliver them to the laboratory for analysis, demanding acknowledge of receipt. In those places where do not exist

laboratory facilities, the doctor shall take the samples and deliver them to an acknowledged laboratory.

The lab accepting the samples shall verify the condition of the seals and shall acknowledge, in writing, the proper receipt of the material.

Once the first specimens have been examined to the satisfaction of all the parties, the second specimens may be eliminated.

In case of unconformity with the results of the analysis on the first set of samples, this lab to another laboratory authorized by the World Boxing Association shall send the second sets. The result of this second analysis shall be definite and shall be privately informed to the World Boxing Association, and shall then notify to the boxers or to their representatives.

In cases where it shall be deemed necessary to examine the second specimens, the boxer or his representative shall be advised about from the laboratory where same shall be processed, for the purpose of facilitating his presence or his designating a delegate to observe the sample opening and analysis details. However, in case the boxer or his representative or delegate should not attend to this act, the test process shall maintain its entire value.

Authorized World Boxing Association labs, based on the recommendations of the Medical Advisory Committee shall only process the second specimens. To this end, and for the purpose of carrying out respective analysis, the World Boxing Association shall try to establish contact with well-known labs of the principal countries in the world.

The test and analysis cost for the first specimens shall be on the account of the fight promoter. All the costs and analysis made of the second specimens shall be on the account of the party requesting the test.

Whenever a force majeure or a fortuitous case should arise or whenever one of the contenders should not meet the adequate physical conditions for the respective sample taking, the assigned for the fight supervisor of the World Boxing Association shall be empowered to take the decision he shall deem most convenient with respect to the antidoping list; his decision shall be unappealable and no recourse shall be accepted.

The boxer who refuses to be examined shall be disqualified, and furthermore, could be suspended or fined.

Boxers participating in a world championship bout must indicate previous to the sample taking, if they have received medication in the preceding seventy-two (72) hours and present written evidence from their consulting physician of the therapeutically reason for its use. The physician assigned to the fight, or in his absence, his substitute, according to the list of forbidden substances approved by the World Boxing Association, shall give his opinion in writing concerning the boxer's position related to the effects the medication could have over the fight.

Either the supervisor or the representative of the Local Commission could ask the boxers and/or their representative to sign the Minutes on the sample taking. In case they would refuse to do so, a record of this shall be kept and the test shall no lose its value.

The boxer shall be allowed to drink liquids while he waits for the sample taking. If the World Boxing Association supervisor or the Commission's representative suspects this liquid was taken for the purpose of altering the results of the tests, they could order the analysis of said substance. Should the laboratory analysis prove that the administered liquid did contain substances, which could alter a positive result, the result of the test shall be considered a positive one.

The volume of urine samples shall be of 75 mls. or more. If the boxer cannot provide enough urine, the procedure shall be repeated after he has taken as much liquid as desired, bur he shall not be allowed to leave the place where the test shall be performed, until he has provided the established amount of urine.

The identification of the substances shall be done, preferably, through the combined use of high contrast chromatography and its rectification immune sample. The identification of substances could also be done by any other means indicated and accepted by the Medical Advisory Committee or the World Boxing Association.

The sanctions due to positive results of drug control tests shall be as follows:

- 1) If the World Champion wins the fight or retains the title in a tie, and his test results are positive, the title shall be declared vacant and the challenger (whose anti-drug result is negative) shall fight against the Leading Available Contender for the vacant title.



- 2) Should the challenger lose or tie the championship fight and his anti-drug test was positive, he shall not be permitted to fight for a title acknowledge by the World Boxing Association for the following two (2) years and only after presenting medical evidence of his rehabilitation.
- 3) If the challenger wind the world championship bout and his anti-drug test is positive and the losing champions has a negative result, then, the champion shall retain his title no matter losing it, and the challenger shall be disqualified and shall not be able to fight for a World Boxing Association title during the next two (2) years, previous presentation of medical evidence proving his rehabilitation.
- 4) Should both boxer present positive antidrug tests, the title shall be declared vacant, and the World Boxing Association shall appoint two (2) Leading Available Contenders to fight for the vacant title. Neither one of the boxers, in these cases, shall be able to fight for a World Boxing Association championship during the next two (2) years, previous presentation of medical evidence proving their rehabilitation.

The directors promoters, administrators, entitles, officers, physicians, boxers, and, in general, anyone related to boxing, who has been judicially proved to be through a final judgment, involved in drug trafficking, such as: distribution, sale, money laundering from trafficking, for economical advantage or by any other means which implies, directly or indirectly, the handling of these substance or their profits, shall be excluded for life from whatever activities carried out by the World Boxing Association.

The Executive Committee shall take the respective decision. Nevertheless, when one of the aforesaid individuals or entities in this disposition comes under investigation by any competent authority, the World Boxing Association, through its Executive Committee, shall take the temporary measures which it deems convenient, including, the suspension related to the investigated person or institution, should it be deemed necessary in order to protect the image and integrity of the Association.

To ignore this regulation, once approved, cannot be used as an excuse for its unfulfilling nor it exempts its application of the respective measure applied to each case.

The World Boxing Association shall establish a permanent campaign for the prevention and education of drug problems in sports.

## **KNOCKDOWNS**

The protection count of eight (8) seconds after each down, shall be mandatory and shall be put into effect in all world championship bouts.

Three (3) knockdowns in the same round constitute an automatic knockout, unless that stipulated in article 20 of the World Championships Regulations.

## **THE RINGSIDE PHYSICIAN**

The ringside physician may only step up to the ring during the progress of a fight, when required to do so by the referee, but may step up to the ring to examine a boxer, following his own judgment, during the intermissions between rounds and shall inform the referee on his opinion concerning the physical condition of any of the contenders.

The physician shall avoid any gestures or signals indicating his opinion to other persons, other than the referee, because this could be erroneously interpreted by the public or by the interested persons.

## **HEMOSTATICS**

The discretionary use of hemostatics such as adrenaline solution at 1x1000, shall be allowed in order to control the bleeding of minor cuts or lacerations, suffered by the boxers during the bout. The use of hemostatics solution, or the use of any other caustic solution is prohibited.

The usage of these prohibited substances constitutes a sufficient cause for a disqualification.

The ringside physician is authorized to examine, at any moment, the substances being used as hemostatics during the fight.

## **GLOVES**

The weight of the gloves to be used in world championship bouts shall be as follows:

- ☒ From Jr. Middleweight up to and including Heavyweight, ten (10) ounces gloves shall be used.
- ☒ From Minimum up to and including welterweight, eight (8) ounce gloves shall be used.

When in the contract of boxers the trademark is not established, the Local Commission shall decide the glove trademark to be used.

## **BANDAGE**

In all categories the bandage of the hand shall be of (12) yards of soft gauze of no more than two (2) inches wide, and no more than one inch wide of (8) feet of surgeon's tape, one inch wide, for each hand.

The binding of the surgeon's tape must not be applied in less than one (1) inch from the knuckles of the contender's hands.

The style of bandage shall be free, being understood that the boxer may use his bandage as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hand are not covered by the surgeon's tape.

## **PROTECTORS**

The genital protectors and mouth protectors shall be of obligatory usage to all boxers participating in world championship fights.

The Ring, see Article 21

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## *ANTECEDENTS (SOME HISTORY)*

*The World Boxing Association is a Non Profit Organization founded in 1920 with the name of NATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION, which in 1962, under the Presidency of Dr. Charles F. Larson, adopted the name of World Boxing Association, as a REAFFIRMATION OF its unquestionable condition as universal rector of professional boxing.*

*We have not been able to establish since when the organization initiated the ratings lists, nor whose responsibility was it before 1948. Since then, up to the present, the following have been the Chairmen of the Ratings Committee:*

<i>From August 1948 to September 1954:</i>	<i>Anthony Petronella</i>
<i>From September 1954 to August 1959:</i>	<i>Fred J. Saddly</i>
<i>From August 1959 to September 1966:</i>	<i>Anthony Petronella</i>
<i>From September 1966 to August 1972:</i>	<i>Arch Hindman</i>
<i>From September 1972 to August 1974:</i>	<i>William H. Miller</i>
<i>From September 1974 to October 1978:</i>	<i>Rodrigo C. Sánchez E.</i>
<i>From October 1978 to September 1979:</i>	<i>Gilberto Mendoza</i>
<i>From October 1979 to September 1982:</i>	<i>Elías M. Córdova Jr.</i>
<i>From January 1983 to September 1985:</i>	<i>Gonzalo Riveras</i>
<i>From October 1985 to January 1993:</i>	<i>Alberto Sarmiento</i>
<i>From February 1993 to August 1993:</i>	<i>Gonzalo Riveras Z.</i>
<i>From September 1993 to July 1994:</i>	<i>Bolivar Icaza</i>
<i>From August 1994 to January 1995:</i>	<i>Rodolfo Fortich</i>
<i>From February 1995 to Junio de 1999:</i>	<i>Bolívar Icaza</i>
<i>From July 1999 up to now:</i>	<i>Gilberto Mendoza</i>

*The BOXING ILLUSTRATED Magazine, we cannot recall the year, was chosen as the official publication vehicle of the Rating List, and it declared itself being proud of such designation, and pointed out on that occasion, that this list was the only one authorized and responsible. However, until June 1959, The BOXING ILLUSTRATED published, besides the N.B.A. lists, its own list, made by Mr. Eddie*



*Borden, with the purpose of giving its readers the opportunity to make comparisons..*

*According to this publication, Eddie Borden, its rater, was a famous world authority in professional boxing, and considered him as the man who had initiated the boxing ratings thirty years ago.*

*Upon the arrival of Anthony Petronella, with previous experience in the Ratings Committee (1948 - 1954) and former President of the N.B.A. (1954 - 1955), the magazine continued publishing the N.B.A. ratings and later those of the W.B.A., omitting its own lists. Since 1959 up to the present, the W.B.A. and the magazine's ratings are being published in separate pages.*

*At present the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION has an Official Bulletin, and the W.B.A. Ratings lists are being distributed throughout the world by means of five (5) International News Agencies (UPI, AP, ACAM/EFE, LATIN/REUTER and FRANCE PRESS). Besides, they are remitted directly and are published in boxing specialized magazines with international circulation, as well as to certain newspapers with national circulation.*

*Another way of circulation is the monthly mailing of the lists to the Association members. More than 1,500 publications are sent monthly, thus covering the expectations of those interested in the activity. We know that some of them reproduce and distribute copies among persons and organizations interested in all information concerning the position of boxers in such ratings. To all of those doing this, our recognition for helping us in diffusing the information.*

*In 1989, due to the modern technology facilities of fast communication, some collaborators have been chosen on different places of the world, to whom the ratings are sent at the moment of the elaboration, they are in charge of reproducing them and giving them away in the area. To them our recognition.*

*During many years, the work of ratings was according to the judgment, experience and personal opinion of the Chairman of the Ratings Committee without any parameters and general rules that could guide in the accomplishment of an objective and standardized evaluation in the determination and hierarchization of the position of the boxers in our official list of ratings.*

*It was not until the period 1978-79, when for the first time a project denominated "Norms and Procedure for Ratings" was elaborated, and even though it was not*

*perfect, since then, it has permitted us to present over a solid, objective and just, as well as uniform basis, the guidelines followed in the elaboration of the official list of Ratings.*

*The present work simply constitutes a revised and actualized reproduction of the one presented at the LVIII Annual Convention of the World Boxing Association held in Miami on September 1979. We will transcribe the text of the Minute where this manual was presented, considered and approved. The page 28 of the Minute of the LVIII Annual Convention of the WBA says as follows:*

*“Mr. Mendoza prefaced his report by explaining the chart he was going to use for illustration purposes was patterned after what he had learned in Business Administration and one which was used by the Stanford Research Institute. The main points were when we plan for the future, we should consider two times - the present and the future - the past will simply be a reference point. He gave a detailed account, using the chart to illustrate his points. Mr. Mendoza said he had handed out copies of his report in both Spanish and English and discussed at length the criteria used in determining how to rank the 10 best world boxers in the 13 categories of the W.B.A. on a monthly basis. The report also described the goal behind their work schedule in addition to the activities carried out by the Ratings Committee. Mr. Mendoza acknowledged that he and his committee were far from being perfect but he hoped the job would be better in the future. He gave the names of the members who comprised his committee and commended them for their efforts.*

*The discussion following the report included comments by Bob Arum, who said he had never seen a better manual prepared in all his years in boxing and if this were implemented and carried out, it would be a monument to Mr. Mendoza. Rodrigo Sanchez also congratulated Sr. Mendoza for his fine work and assured him he would do everything in his power to see that his manual was implemented during his administration.*

*Ron Hayter stated, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE PROCEDURES GUIDE FOR RATINGS BE APPROVED. Luis Barradas seconded it. " Mr. Hayter added how important it was to have ratings we respect and he strongly endorsed the guide- " lines composed by Mr. Mendoza. Ron Hayter addressed the Chairman, saying he believed the guide compiled by Mr. Mendoza will be a map they can follow in setting forth-credible ratings. President Galindez stated a motion was made to approve the report and repeated the motion: THAT WE SHOULD USE THE RATINGS PROCEDURES PRESENTED TO US THIS YEAR BY THE RATING COMMITTEE, The motion was unanimously approved.*

*The President was pleased that Mr. Mendoza had justified his faith in having chosen him for the job as Chairman of the Ratings Committee. He reviewed all the steps leading up to this time and said in more than 50 years, it had not been possible to establish set rules. The President stated he could not add anything about Mr. Mendoza's work except to repeat what Bob Arum had said about it –"it is brilliant!" He referred to the Report of the Ratings Committee -formed in the period 1978-1979 by por H. O. W. Kloppe, Ron Hayter, Gail Brown, Kozaburo Nagazto, Aureliano Rey Miododo, Francisco Fernandez- as the seed which boxing world needed and that it was, fortunately, the best thing he could leave to the W.B.A."*

*Similarly its original author GILBERTO MENDOZA has updated this work in 1983, 1992 and 1999.*

*In this opportunity –November 1999- and in the frame of the LXXVIII Annual Convention we introduced some modifications and improvements, which are the result of experiences obtained through its application. They are: a) The obligation of the N°1 contender to defend his position based on article 10.3 of the World Championships Regulations; b) Mandatory fights to determine the N° 1 and N° 2 positions in the ratings; c) The Vacancy of the N° 1 position of any of the divisions where the Ratings Committee considers it necessary; d) Adjustment of the promotion*

*and demotion for the rated contenders from 10 to 12 and from 12 to 15; e) Five Point System for ratings evaluation, that will allow us to be more objective on the determination of a boxer's position in the ratings. This will undoubtedly improve the objective principle of this delicate and controversial work. The details of this system are explained in the point \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_ of this manual.*

*In the publication of this manual called "Norms and Procedures for Ratings", also known as "MENDOZA'S MANUAL FOR RATINGS" as a recognition for the effort of its author has been considered by many specialists as a transcendental and revolutionary instrument in the history of the International Professional Boxing.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*The present project does not pretend to be the "Perfect Procedure" towards the establishment of a ratings system.*

*It simply pretends to constitute itself in a rule of general guidelines that may serve as a device to determine an objective, precise and rational form, and the position of boxers in the WBA Ratings.*

*This project is far from being the ideal procedure, and it can be improved and even modified. However, we consider convenient taking in consideration that the responsibility of the ratings falls in a committee constituted by seven (7) persons of different nationalities; with residence in different countries, far from each other making it very difficult to realize a "real team work".*

*For this reason and based on the experience there has been established some working rules that can be summarized in the following way:*

- 1. We have a ratings system that constitutes the basic rule for the evaluations made.*
- 2. The Committee Chairman must centralize the information with the activity results of the rated boxers.*
- 3. The Committee Chairman must have a list of non-rated boxers that are working to be taken into consideration for their possible rating. In this list there must be the record and the activity of the boxer.*
- 4. The members of the Committee must collect information not only from their geographical area, but also from all the area they have access and send it monthly the Chairman of the Committee.*
- 5. The President of the Committee must centralize all the information received, analyze, evaluate it on this basis, elaborate the monthly rating that will be published and will be the basis of the activity of the World Championship Committee.*
- 6. The monthly rating, as well as the basic information for its elaboration, must be sent to all the members of the committee, who are to study it, evaluate it and make the necessary remarks to the President of the Committee in order to make*

*immediate corrections to the next ratings. In the event that the President of the Committee considers that any of the remarks, made by any of the members, is not relevant about an specific case he must let this member know the reason why the remark will not proceed.*

*All this is just an ideal. We all know and are aware of the various limitations that make it almost impossible to reach this goal. It would be really illusory to think that through the mail or fax or by means of telephone communications it would be reached. Language constitutes another barrier. To gather seven (7) members of the Committee each month would be a panacea.*

*Consequently, and in light of the above, we want to insist that the present work, with the exceptions already mentioned, is very opportune, because besides approaching the proper requirements demanded by the objective rationalization of a World Rating System, it gives the members of the rating Committee the general parameters that will guide them to the accomplishment of a work that could be perfectly evaluated by all the members of the World Boxing Association.*

*I hope this modest work, which has being updated to agree with the environment of today, called "NORMS AND PROCEDURES FOR RATINGS" presented and approved in the Convention of Miami, in 1979, and first updated in 1983 by its author, the President of the World Boxing Association, GILBERTO MENDOZA, contribute to the strengthening of the WBA and all of its members.*

*MEMBERS OF THE RATING COMMITTEE*  
*(PERIOD 1999)*

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*WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION*  
*RATINGS COMMITTEE*  
*NORMS AND PROCEDURES FOR RATINGS*

**I. - *COMPILATION OF THE INFORMATION***

**1. - SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

*The Boxing Commissions affiliated to the World Boxing Association must send the Ratings Committee the information concerning the fights held under their jurisdictions by boxers rated by the WBA., as well as other boxers records eligible for future ratings according to the follow up made by the Ratings Committee.*

*Similarly they must send the information concerning the fights in which a title at a continental level is being disputed for championships in the Orient and the Pacific, Europe, U.S.A., Africa. This information may be send also by the respective Federation.*

*The managers or representatives of the boxers can also send information to the Ratings Committee, in accordance to what has been established to that respect. In the same way, the members of the Executive Committee, Committees members affiliated to the World Boxing Association can also send information.*

**2. - CONTENTS OF THE INFORMATION**

*The information must include the following data:*

- Place and date of the fight*
- Name of the contenders*
- Winner and loser*
- Result (Split Decision, Unanimous Decision, TKO, KO, Draw or Technical Decision)*



- *Remarks of interest*

### 3. - DELAYS IN THE INFORMATION

If by any reason the information is not received on time to be taken into consideration in the elaboration of the corresponding monthly rating, the same will be considered for the following month rating.

*In cases in which manifest negligence is confirmed in the remittance of the information to "protect" a rated boxer who has been defeated, the Ratings Committee reserves the right to change the application of what is indicated in the TABLE OF DEMOTIONS, in detriment of the boxer.*

### 4. - DESTINATION OF THE INFORMATION

*This information shall be sent during the corresponding month to any of the following persons:*

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## II. - PUBLICATION

### 1. - MONTHLY RATINGS

*The Ratings Committee shall make publication of the monthly Ratings in the course of the first five (5) days of the subsequent month to which such ratings corresponds. In this way the information concerning the fights held during the last days of the month can be obtained.*

*The members of the Ratings Committee must send their remarks or suggestions in particular to the Committee chairman. These remarks shall be made in the course of the subsequent month to which such ratings correspond.*

### 2. - OTHER PUBLICATIONS

*The Chairman of the Ratings Committee shall send the members of the Committee a statistical report of the fights held during the month which is affecting the ratings, as well as an statistic report concerning the rating of the boxers by nationality. These members of the Ratings Committee can express their remarks and suggestions so that they can be taken into consideration for the work of the following month. The Ratings committee reserves the right to publish the information before mentioned.*

### 3. - COORDINATION OF THE PUBLICATIONS

*The World Boxing Association Regional Office personnel will cooperate closely with the Chairman of the Ratings Committee in the remittance and the publication of the information produced.*

### III GUIDELINES FOR THE RATINGS

#### 1. - ENTRANCE IN THE RATINGS

*The following requirements shall be taken into account for the entrance of a boxer in the WBA ratings:*

- a) Obtain a victory over a rated boxer. According to the result of the fight, and taking into consideration the rating, caliber, hierarchy and record of the defeated boxer, and according to the application of the "Point System for Ratings Evaluation" the Rating Committee will determine the position that the winner shall occupy.*
- b) Obtain a Regional Championship (FEDELATIN, PABA, WBAI, NABA AND WBANA). The position of these champions in the WBA ratings will be determined according to their particular record, taking into consideration the rating, caliber, hierarchy and record of the defeated boxer, and according to the application of the "Point System for Ratings Evaluation", the Ratings Committee shall determine the position of the winner.*

*This way the WBA is contributing to evaluate and give duly importance to a title at regional title, and definitely help to make more attractive the aspiration to obtain the titles if this category, that today, unfortunately, have not been bestowed the proper importance.*

- c) Through a request of a Boxing Commission affiliated to the WBA, and duly justified, based on the record and credentials of the boxer and following the parameters of the Point System for Ratings Evaluation.*
- d) Whenever there are important and powerful reasons for the WBA, which in accordance to the judgment of the Ratings Committee justify the entrance of the boxer in the ratings.*

## 2. - PROMOTIONS IN THE RATINGS

*Promotion of rated boxers will be governed according to what is established in the TABLE OF PROMOTIONS (see Annex, Table 1), which will be taken into account as a fundamental basis to determine the betterment of the boxer in the rating, in the following aspects:*

- a. Position of the boxers.*
- b. Type of the decision that caused the victory.*

## 3. - DEMOTIONS IN THE RATINGS

*The demotions of rated boxers will be produced according to what is established in the TABLE OF DEMOTIONS (see Annex, Table 2), which will be taken into account as a fundamental basis to determine the demotion of a boxer in the ratings in the following aspects:*

- a. Position of the boxer.*
- b. Type of decision that caused the defeat.*

## 4. - ACTIVITY OF THE RATED BOXER

### *a) FROM CRUISERWEIGHT TO LIGHT FLYWEIGHT*

*As indispensable requirement to maintain the position in the WBA rating, the fifteen (15) rated boxers of each category, from Cruiserweight to Light Flyweight, must make at least one (1) fight every ninety (90) days, except when causes duly justified and confirmed by the WBA Ratings Committee, impede the compliance of this condition. In case such justified reason, the boxer will be demoted in the rating according to the Ratings Committee judgment.*

b) *HEAVYWEIGHT*

*In the Heavyweight case, this period will be extended to one hundred and eighty (180) days. In case that duly justified reasons do not exist, the boxer will be demoted in his category, according to the judgment and criterion of the Ratings Committee.*

c) *MANDATORY FIGHTS*

*The leading available contender is obliged to fight against the Champion of his category in a mandatory fight for the crown, in accordance to what is established in the World Championship Rules and Regulations.*

*In case that this does not happen, without a duly justified reason for this denial to fight, the boxer will be demoted or removed from the ratings.*

*When the impediment for not celebrating the fight is justified and originated from a medical prescription or diagnosis, the Ratings Committee of the World Boxing Association must confirm such justification.*

*In case that the respective confirmation from this Committee is not obtained, the cause shall not be considered justified and consequently, the necessary action shall be taken.*

d) *According to what is established in article 10.3 of the Championships Committee:*

*"...With the purpose to determine the N°1 and N°2 positions, or to justify the N° 1 position, if it were the case, the Ratings Committee will order eliminatory bouts between the higher*

*Leading Available Contenders, taking into consideration with preference the regional champions recognized by the WBA."*

5. - REMOVAL FROM THE RATING

*To remove a boxer from the WBA rating, the following factors shall be taken into consideration:*

- a. Automatically, applying the scale contained in the TABLE OF DEMOTIONS.*
- b. By defeats before a non-rated boxer. In these cases the Rating Committee will take into account the type of decision that caused the defeat, as well as, the boxer's record, in order to determine the possibility of a demotion instead of a removal of the boxer. This will be possible provided it does not cause any prejudice to the rest of the rated boxers.*
- c. By the loss of a title at a continental level, taking into consideration the position of the defeated boxer and the type of decision that caused his defeat.*
- d. By the impossibility of keeping the weight in the category in which he is rated.*
- e. By the proven inactivity of the rated boxer without justified causes for this inactivity.*
- f. Whenever there are enough reasons, according to the Rating Committee judgment, to remove him from the ratings.*

6. - CHANGE OF CATEGORY OF THE RATED BOXERS

*When, by weight reasons, a boxer rated in any category decides to*

*enter in another category, there will not be an absolute guarantee that he will be rated in the new category. The Ratings Committee will study every particular case and will decide the rating of the boxer or not.*

*In case that the rating proceeds, the position that the boxer will occupy in the new category could be lower to the one he occupied in the previous category*

7. - WITHDRAWAL OF RATED BOXERS

*When, for any reason, a boxer rated in any category is withdrawn, the boxers rated in the immediate lower positions to that of the withdrawn boxer will be promoted one position.*

*The aforementioned disposition will proceed provided that to the judgment of the Ratings Committee; there exist no reason that impedes the sequence of these promotions.*

8. - LOSS OF FIGHTS BY TECHNICAL DECISION

*According to the justness and objectiveness of the decision that has motivated the result of the fight, the Ratings Committee will determine the number of position that the boxers concerned shall be promoted or demoted in accordance to what has been established in the TABLES OF PROMOTIONS OR DEMOTIONS.*

9. - LOSS OF THE TITLE DUE TO EXCESS OF WEIGHT

*The Ratings Committee will determine the new position of the ex-champion, taking into account the possibility that the boxer can make the weight of the category again. If this is not the case, the Committee will govern by what is established in the point six (6) of these guidelines.*



#### 10. - SANCTIONS TO RATED BOXERS

*When a rated boxer is object of a disciplinary sanction by any Boxing Commission affiliated to the World Boxing Association, the Ratings Committee will act according to the recommendations or decisions taken by the World Boxing Association.*

## 11.- PROMOTIONS IN THE RATINGS

*The promotions which boxers rated in the WBA ratings deserve, will be governed by the TABLE OF PROMOTIONS N° 1, N° 2, N° 3, N° 3, N° 4, N° 5 and N° 6 that have been made for that purpose.*

*These tables will be applied in those cases in which a rated boxer obtains a victory over another boxer with a better rating.*

*The type of decisions that are considered in the six- (6) tables mentioned before are identified as follows:*

*SD : SPLIT DECISION*

*UD : UNANIMOUS DECISION*

*TKO : TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT*

*KO : KNOCKOUT*

*The TABLES OF PROMOTIONS will be presented individually*

**TABLE 1**  
**" PROMOTIONS "**

**(FOR BOXERS RATED IN POSITIONS 2 TO 5)**

RATED N°	WINS OVER N°	GOES TO POSITION N°			
		SD	UD	TKO	KO
2	1	1	1	1	1
3	2	2	2	2	2
3	1	1	1	1	1
4	3	3	3	3	3
4	2	2	2	2	2
4	1	1	1	1	1
5	4	4	4	4	4
5	3	3	3	3	3
5	2	2	2	2	2
5	1	1	1	1	1

**NOTE:** *This table is applicable to the fights held between boxers rated in positions from N° 2 to N° 5, both inclusive. According to it the winner, in this case the boxer of lower position, will automatically obtain the right to be rated in the position which the defeated boxer had prior to the fight, regardless of the type of decision that caused the defeat. In case of "Draw Decision", the boxers will continue in the positions they occupied before the fight.*

**TABLE 2**  
**"PROMOTIONS "**  
**(FOR BOXERS RATED IN POSITIONS 6 TO 8)**

<i><b>RATED N°</b></i>	<i><b>WINS OVER N°</b></i>	<i><b>GOES TO POSITION N°</b></i>			
		<i><b>SD</b></i>	<i><b>UD</b></i>	<i><b>TKO</b></i>	<i><b>KO</b></i>
6	5	5	5	5	5
6	4	4	4	4	4
6	3	4	3	3	3
6	2	3	2	2	2
6	1	2	1	1	1
7	6	6	6	6	6
7	5	5	5	5	5
7	4	5	4	4	4
7	3	4	3	3	3
7	2	3	2	2	2
7	1	2	1	1	1
8	7	7	7	7	7
8	6	6	6	6	6
8	5	6	5	5	5
8	4	5	4	4	4
8	3	4	3	3	3
8	2	3	2	2	2
8	1	2	1	1	1

**NOTE:** This table is applicable to boxers rated in positions 6, 7 and 8, when they obtain favorable results in fights held against boxers better rated.  
In case of "Draw Decision" both boxers will continue in the positions occupied by them before the fight.

**TABLE 3**  
**" PROMOTIONS "**  
**(FOR BOXERS RATED IN POSITIONS 9 AND 10)**

<b>RATED</b> <b>N °</b>	<b>WINS OVER</b> <b>N°</b>	<b>GOES TO POSITION N°</b>			
		<b>SD</b>	<b>UD</b>	<b>TKO</b>	<b>KO</b>
9	8	8	8	8	8
9	7	7	7	7	7
9	6	6	6	6	6
9	5	6	5	5	5
9	4	5	4	4	4
9	3	5	3	3	3
9	2	4	2	2	2
9	1	3	1	1	1
10	9	9	9	9	9
10	8	8	8	8	8
10	7	7	7	7	7
10	6	6	6	6	6
10	5	6	5	5	5
10	4	5	4	4	4
10	3	5	3	3	3
10	2	4	2	2	2
10	1	3	1	1	1

**NOTE:** This table is applicable for boxers rated in position 9 and 10, when they obtain favorable results in fights held against boxers better rated.  
In case of "Draw Decision" both boxers will continue in the same positions they occupied before the fight.

**TABLE 4**  
**" PROMOTIONS "**  
**(FOR BOXERS RATED IN POSITIONS 11 AND 12)**

<b>RATED N°</b>	<b>WINS OVER N°</b>	<b>GOES TO POSITION N°</b>			
		<b>SD</b>	<b>UD</b>	<b>TKO</b>	<b>KO</b>
11	10	10	10	10	10
11	9	9	9	9	9
11	8	8	8	8	8
11	7	8	7	7	7
11	6	7	7	6	6
11	5	7	6	5	5
11	4	6	5	4	4
11	3	5	4	3	3
11	2	4	3	2	2
11	1	3	2	1	1
12	11	11	11	11	11
12	10	10	10	10	10
12	9	9	9	9	9
12	8	9	9	8	8
12	7	9	8	7	7
12	6	8	7	6	6
12	5	8	7	5	5
12	4	7	6	4	4
12	3	6	5	3	3
12	2	5	4	2	2
12	1	4	3	1	1

**NOTE:** This table is applicable for boxers rated in positions 11 and 12, when they obtain favorable results in fights held against boxers better rated. In case of "Draw Decision" both boxers will continue in the same positions they occupied before the fight.

**TABLE 5**  
**"PROMOTIONS"**  
**(FOR BOXERS RATED IN POSITIONS 13 AND 14)**

<i>CLASIFICADO</i> <i>N°</i>	<i>VENCE AL</i> <i>N°</i>	<i>PASA A OCUPAR LA POSICION N°</i>			
		<i>SD</i>	<i>UD</i>	<i>TKO</i>	<i>KO</i>
13	12	12	11	12	12
13	11	11	10	11	11
13	10	10	9	10	10
13	9	9	9	9	9
13	8	9	8	8	8
13	7	8	7	7	7
13	6	8	7	6	6
13	5	7	6	5	5
13	4	7	5	4	4
13	3	6	4	3	3
13	2	5	3	2	2
13	1	4	1	1	1
14	13	13	13	13	13
14	12	12	12	12	12
14	11	11	11	11	11
14	10	10	10	10	10
14	9	9	9	9	9
14	8	9	9	8	8
14	7	8	8	7	7
14	6	8	7	6	6
14	5	7	7	5	5
14	4	7	6	4	4
14	3	6	5	3	3
14	2	5	4	2	2
14	1	4	3	1	1

**NOTE:** This table is applicable for boxers rated in positions 13 and 14, when they obtain favorable results in fights held against boxers better rated. In case of "Draw Decision" both boxers will continue in the same positions they occupied before the fight.

**TABLE 6**  
**"PROMOTIONS"**  
**(FOR BOXERS RATED IN POSITIONS 15)**

<i>CLASIFICADO</i> <i>Nº</i>	<i>VENCE AL</i> <i>Nº</i>	<i>PASA A OCUPAR LA POSICION Nº</i>			
		<i>SD</i>	<i>UD</i>	<i>TKO</i>	<i>KO</i>
15	14	14	14	14	14
15	13	13	13	13	13
15	12	12	12	12	12
15	11	11	11	11	11
15	10	10	10	10	10
15	9	9	9	9	9
15	8	9	9	8	8
15	7	9	8	7	7
15	6	8	8	6	6
15	5	8	7	5	5
15	4	7	7	4	4
15	3	7	6	3	3
15	2	6	5	2	2
15	1	5	4	1	1

*NOTE: This table is applicable for boxers rated in the Nº 15 position, when they obtain favorable results in fights held against boxers better rated. In case of "Draw Decision" both boxers will continue in the same positions they occupied before the fight.*



12.- DEMOTIONS IN THE RATINGS – TABLES 1 to 7

*In order to determine the demotions caused by defeats suffered by the rated boxers, the guidelines established in the TABLES OF DEMOTIONS N° 1, N° 2, N° 3, N° 4, N° 5, N° 6 and N° 7, which were elaborated for that purpose, shall be applied.*

*These tables consider the different possible defeats to which a rated boxer is exposed, and they are the following:*

- A. - Defeats in World Championship Fights.*
- B. - Defeats by better rated boxers.*
- C. - Defeats by lower rated boxers.*
- D. - Defeats by non-rated boxers.*

**TABLE 1**

**A.- TABLE OF DEMOTIONS ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS  
OF FIGHT FOR A WORLD TITLE**

*Table applicable in cases of "DRAW" DECISION,  
UNANIMOUS DECISION AND SPLIT DECISION*

*This table shows the new position that a challenger should occupy, according to the type of decision, Draw Decision, Unanimous Decision and Split Decision that had caused his defeat by the World Champion.*

<b>POSICION DEL RETADOR</b>	<b>TIPO DE DECISION</b>					
	<b>D</b>	<b>SD (2)</b>	<b>SD (3+)</b>	<b>UD (1)</b>	<b>UD (2)</b>	<b>UD (3+)</b>
1	1	2	3	3	4	5
2	2	3	4	4	5	6
3	3	4	5	5	6	7
4	4	5	6	6	7	8
5	5	6	7	7	8	9
6	6	7	8	8	9	10
7	7	8	9	9	10	11
8	8	9	10	10	11	12
9	9	10	11	11	12	13
10	10	11	12	12	13	14
11	11	12	13	13	14	15
12	12	13	14	14	15	X
13	13	14	15	15	X	X
14	14	15	X	X	X	X
15	15	X	X	X	X	X

REF:           D                       :       Draw  
                  SD (2)               :       Split Decision by two (2) points.  
                  SD (3+)             :       Split Decision by Three (3) or more points  
                  UD (1)               :       Unanimous Decision by one (1) point  
                  UD (2+)             :       Unanimous Decision by two (2) points  
                  UD (3+)             :       Unanimous Decision by three or more points

**TABLE 2**

**A.- TABLE OF DEMOTIONS ACCORDING TO  
THE RESULTS OF FIGHT FOR A WORLD TITLE**

*Table applicable in cases of TKO or KO, when the loser is ahead in the scorecards of the Judges at the moment of the TKO or KO*

*This table shows the new position that a challenger should occupy, according to the type of decision, TKO or KO that had caused his defeat by the World Champion.*

<b>RESULT CHALLENGER POSITION</b>	<b>TYPE OF DECISION</b>		
	<b>TKO/KO9R-12R</b>	<b>TKO/KO5R-8R</b>	<b>TKO/KO1R-4R</b>
1	5	6	7
2	6	7	8
3	7	8	9
4	8	9	10
5	9	10	11
6	10	11	12
7	11	12	13
8	12	13	14
9	13	14	15
10	14	15	X
11	15	X	X
12	X	X	X
13	X	X	X
14	X	X	X
15	X	X	X

**REF:**

*TKO/KO 9R- 12R: When the TKO/KO takes place between the 9th and the 12th round*

*TKO/KO 5R-8R: When the TKO/KO takes place between the 5th and the 8th round*

*TKO/KO 1R-4R: When the TKO/KO takes place between the 1st and the 4th round*

**TABLE 3**

**A.- TABLE OF DEMOTIONS ACCORDING TO  
THE RESULTS OF FIGHT FOR A WORLD TITLE**

Table applicable in cases of TKO or KO, when the loser is behind in the scorecards of the Judges at the moment of the TKO or KO

*This table shows the new position that a challenger should occupy, according to the type of decision, TKO or KO that had caused his defeat by the World Champion*

<b>RESULT CHALLENGER POSITION</b>	<b>TYPE OF DECISION</b>		
	<b>TKO/KO9R-12R</b>	<b>TKO/KO5R-8R</b>	<b>TKO/KO1R-4R</b>
1	6	7	8
2	7	8	9
3	8	9	10
4	9	10	11
5	10	11	12
6	11	12	13
7	12	13	14
8	13	14	15
9	14	15	X
10	15	X	X
11	X	X	X
12	X	X	X
13	X	X	X
14	X	X	X
15	X	X	X

REF: TKO/KO9R – 12 R: When the TKO/KO takes place between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> round  
TKO/KO5R – 8R: When the TKO/KO takes place between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> round  
TKO/KO1R – 4R: When the TKO/KO takes place between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> round

**TABLE 4**

**A.- TABLE OF DEMOTIONS ACCORDING TO THE  
RESULT OF THE FIGHTS FOR A WORLD TITLE  
IN THE CASE THE WORLD CHAMPION IS DEFEATED.**

*This table shows the position that the World Ex-Champion shall occupy, according to the result that caused his defeat by the challenger, who has won the title.*

<b>NEW POSITION OF THE EX-CHAMPION</b>	<b>TYPE OF DECISION</b>				
	<b>SD</b>	<b>UD (2)</b>	<b>UD (3+)</b>	<b>TKO/KO 7-12</b>	<b>TKO /KO 1-6</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

REF: SD: SPLIT DECISION  
UD (2): UNANIMOUS DECISION BY ONE (1) OR TWO (2) POINTS  
UD (3+): UNANIMOUS DECISION BY THREE (3) OR MORE POINTS  
TKO/KO: TECHNICAL KNOCK OUT AND KNOCK OUT

**TABLE 5**

**B.- DEFEAT BY BOXERS WITH BETTER RATING**

**(FOR BOXERS RATED IN POSITIONS 2 TO 5)**

<i>RATED N°</i>	<i>LOSSES BEFORE N°</i>	<i>DEMOTED TO POSITION N°</i>							
		<i>SD</i>	<i>UD</i>	<i>TKO 9-12</i>	<i>TKO 5-8</i>	<i>TKO 4-1</i>	<i>KO 9-12</i>	<i>KO 5-8</i>	<i>KO 4-1</i>
2	1	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9
3	2	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10
3	1	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10
4	3	6	7	8	9	10	9	10	11
4	2	6	7	8	9	10	9	10	11
4	1	6	7	8	9	10	9	10	11
5	4	7	8	9	10	11	10	11	12
5	3	7	8	9	10	11	10	11	12
5	2	7	8	9	10	11	10	11	12
5	1	7	8	9	10	11	10	11	12

**TABLE 6**

**B.- DEFEATS BY BOXERS WITH BETTER RATING  
(FOR BOXERS RATED IN POSITIONS 6 TO 8)**

RATED N°	LOSSES BEFORE N°	DEMOTED TO POSITION N°							
		SD	UD	TKO 9-12	TKO 5-8	TKO 4-1	KO 9-12	KO 5-8	KO 4-1
6	5	8	9	10	11	12	11	12	13
6	4	8	9	10	11	12	11	12	13
6	3	8	9	10	11	12	11	12	13
6	2	8	9	10	11	12	11	12	13
6	1	8	9	10	11	12	11	12	13
7	6	9	10	11	12	13	12	13	14
7	5	9	10	11	12	13	12	13	14
7	4	9	10	11	12	13	12	13	14
7	3	9	10	11	12	13	12	13	14
7	2	9	10	11	12	13	12	13	14
7	1	9	10	11	12	13	12	13	14
8	7	10	12	12	13	14	13	14	15
8	6	10	12	12	13	14	13	14	15
8	5	10	12	12	13	14	13	14	15
8	4	10	12	12	13	14	13	14	15
8	3	10	11	12	13	14	13	14	15
8	2	10	11	12	13	14	13	14	15
8	1	10	11	12	13	14	13	14	15

**TABLE 7**

**DEFEATS BY BOXERS WITH BETTER RATING  
(FOR BOXERS RATED IN POSITIONS 9 TO 12)**

<i>RATED N°</i>	<i>LOSSES WITH N°</i>	<i>DEMOTED TO POSITION N°</i>			
		<i>SD</i>	<i>UD</i>	<i>TKO</i>	<i>KO</i>
9	8	11	12	13	14
9	7	11	12	13	14
9	6	11	12	13	14
9	5	11	12	13	14
9	4	11	12	13	14
9	3	11	12	13	14
9	2	11	12	13	14
9	1	11	12	13	14
10	9	12	13	14	15
10	8	12	13	14	15
10	7	12	13	14	15
10	6	12	13	14	15
10	5	12	13	14	15
10	4	12	13	14	15
10	3	12	13	14	15
10	2	12	13	14	15
10	1	12	13	14	15
11	1 - 10	13	14	15	X
12	1 - 11	14	15	X	X
13	1-12	15	X	X	X
14	1 - 13	X	X	X	X
15	1 - 14	X	X	X	X



### **C.- DEMOTIONS IN CASE OF DEFEATS BY BOXERS WITH LOWER RATING**

*The boxer with high rating, who is defeated by a boxer with lower rating, will be automatically demoted to the position occupied by the boxer who defeated him, provided the result of the fight has been **Split Decision** or **Unanimous Decision**.*

*In those cases when the result of the fight is **TKO** or **KO**, the defeated boxer will automatically be demoted to the position immediately below to that occupied by the boxer who defeated him.*

### **C.- DEMOTIONS IN CASE OF DEFEATS WITH NON-RATED BOXERS**

*The rated boxer who is defeated by a non-rated boxer will automatically be withdrawn from the Ratings. Nevertheless, what has been established in the paragraph "b" of point 5 "Removal from the Ratings" will be taken into consideration.*

### 13.- 100 POINT SYSTEM FOR RATINGS POSITION EVALUATION

*This system is based on five (5) factors that will help the determination of the position of the rated boxers in the ratings. The evaluation factors are:*

- I. *Record*
- II. *Activity*
- III. *Caliber of contenders*
- IV. *Regional Recognition*
- V. *WBA Achievement*

- I. **Record:** *Scales were elaborated to give points according to the number of victories that a boxer has. The scale is the following:*

I - A	RECORD (Victories)	POINTS
	15	3
	16- 21	6
	22-27	9
	28-33	12
	34-39	15
	40 +	18

Similarly, points will be deducted according to the number of defeats that a boxer has in his record according to the following scale:

I - B	RECORD (Defeats)	POINTS
	1 - 2	- 1
	3 - 4	- 2
	5 - 6	- 3
	7 +	- 6

- II. **Activity.** The application of this factor is to award points to the activity of a boxer. The last 12 months prior to the month in which the evaluation is made. The parameters established in this scale are the followings:

II	ACTIVITY (Fights/Year)	POINTS
	1	3
	2	6
	3	9
	4	12
	5	15
	6 +	18

- III. **Caliber of Contenders.** Points will be given according to the victories a boxer, who is submitted to the evaluation, has over other rated boxers. It will work as follows.

III - A	CALIBER OF CONTENDERS (Victories over rated contenders)	POINTS
	1	3
	2	6
	3	9
	4	12
	5	15
	6	18
	7	21
	8	24
	9 +	27

The boxer will be given points for defeats against recognized (well-known) boxer.

III - B	CALIBER OF CONTENDERS (Losses against rated boxers)	POINTS
	1	1
	1	1
	1	1
	TOTAL	30

- IV. **International Recognition.** The application of this factor is to award points to incentivate the realization of regional titles, recognized by the WBA. It will work as follows:

IV	INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION (Regional Tittles)	POINTS
A	WINNING REGIONAL TITTLE	2
B	REGIONAL DEFENSE	
	1 <sup>st</sup> REGIONAL DEFENSE	2
	2 <sup>nd</sup> REGIONAL DEFENSE	2
	3 <sup>rd</sup> REGIONAL DEFENSE	2
C	WORLD TITLES (WBA, WBC, WBO, IBF)	4
D	DEFENSES	
	1 <sup>st</sup> WORLD TITLES DEFENSES	1
	2 <sup>nd</sup> WORLD TITLES DEFENSES	1
	3 <sup>rd</sup> WORLD TITLES DEFENSES	1
E	WORLD TITLE UNIFICATION	5
	TOTAL	20

- V. **WBA Achievement:**

V	WBA ACHIEVEMENT	POINTS
A	WBA REGIONAL TITLE DEFENSES	
	1 <sup>st</sup> DEFENSE	1
	2 <sup>nd</sup> DEFENSE	1
	3 <sup>rd</sup> DEFENSE	1
B	ONE WBA TITLE OR WBA REGIONAL UNIFICATION	2
C	TWO WBA TITLES	4
D	THREE WBA TITLES	5
	TOTAL	14

14.- RATINGS PRINCIPLES

*THE POSITIONS IN THE WBA RATINGS ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES*

1. - *THEY ARE NOT PERSONAL PROPERTY*
2. - *THEY ARE NOT LIFE LONG*
3. - *THEY ARE NOT TRANSFERIBLE*
4. - *THEY MUST BE WON*
5. - *THEY ARE VARIABLE*
6. - *RULES MUST BE COMPLIED TO KEEP THEM*
7. - *THEY CAN BE LOST*



# ***WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION***

## ***APPEAL REGULATION***

### ***TITLE I***

#### ***GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS***

- Article 1. -** Five persons, who will have to be active members of the Directory of the Association, will integrate the Appeal Committee of the World Boxing Association.
- Article 2. -** Of the five members of the Committee, one will exercise the Director functions. The Director as well as the other members of the Committee are of the free designation and removal of the President of the Association.
- Article 3. -** The decisions of the Appeal Committee will have to be issued in writing, through the vote, of the absolute majority of its members, who in all the cases submit them in writing to the Director of the Committee, through any way, including fax and e-mail that guarantee its receipt and expressing the reasons that support the decision. The Director of the Committee can appoint another member of the Directory in case one of the members abstains to give his opinion, due to inhibition causes regarding the appeal.
- Article 4. -** The Appeal Committee will gathered in cases that require so, in the place and date decided by its Director. The Director will summon the members in writing, not less than five days before to the of the date of the meeting, informing them of the reason of the same.
- Article 5. -** To be heard all appeals will have to:

- a) Be presented in writing and directed to the Directing of the Appeal Committee, with the identification of the interested party and in his case, of the person that acts as his representative expressing the names, surnames, domicile, nationality and the address of the place where will be made the relevant notices.
- b) Contain a clear and specific synthesis of the arguments, reasons and motives in which is based, with the corresponding motions and the matter object of the petition.
- c) Produce and accompany all the documents, collections, instruments, reports, tests and essential precedents to the matter, indicating clearly the WBA regulation he considers violated.
- d) Formulated in English or Spanish.
- e) Accompany a certified check payable to the Association for the amount of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (US\$ 5,000.00) currency of the United States of America.
- f) It should be proposed within a term of eight (8) business days counted from the date in which the decision had been dictated or issued, and made of the knowledge of the or of the affected.

**Article 6. -** Once the appeal has been received, the Director of the Committee will submit a copy to the other four members of the Committee within three- (3) business for its study and decision.

The opinions of the members of the Committee will have to be issued and sent to the Director within a term of five- (5) business days counted from expiration of the previous lapse according to what is disposed in Article 3 of this regulation.



**Article 7. -** The members of the Appeal Committee, without prejudice of what is established in the Articles 3 and 4 of this regulation, will be able to use the means that they consider more convenient, like fax, e-mail, certified mail, companies specialized in the documents transportation, to send their opinions. The opinions or decisions not received within the period established in Article 6 will be considered as ratification to the appealed decision. In any event the lapses and periods established in this regulation for the processing of the appeal will be let to elapse completely. Notwithstanding, the President of the Association, according to the urgency and importance of the issue to be solved can abbreviate all the appellation lapses established here, thus the Committee is obliged to submit its opinion in the period of time stated by the President.

## **TITLE II**

### **OF THE APPEAL**

**Article 8. -** The Appeal will proceed when the appellant try to void a decision dictated by THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE AND THE DIRECTORY of the World Boxing Association, in the matter and matters of its competition and whose attributions are specifically conferred to them by the Legal Regulation of the Association. When the appellant is requesting new study of the case, being imperious to confirm, to modify or to revoke the appealed decision by the committee. The knowledge of other matters, inherent and related to the professional boxing activity, imposed by whatever other active members of the Association empowered to do so, will be considered

by the President of the Association, and he will decide whether the issue should be submitted to the appeal committee or not.

- Article 9. -** Once the Appeal is received and fulfilled the requirements established in Article 5 of this regulation, the Director of the Committee, when he estimates it convenient, will be able to order the opening of a lapse fixing a prudential term to collect documents, reports and antecedent related to the appealed matter, and he will notify the parties for the respective Legal end.
- Article 10. -** The Appeal Committee will exercise its functions as Organ of a sole and only Instance, therefore, its decisions shall not be taken to the consideration of any other Organ, neither different authority of the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION, and consequently, its decisions are of mandatory fulfillment, for its condition of strict competition, of exclusive jurisdiction and they are of obligatory fulfillment.
- Article 11. -** The Appeal Committee will only hear and decide all appeals originated from failures or decisions produced by an Authority or competent organ of the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION, formulated by facts, actions, omissions or activities that they may have taken place in breach to its express arrangements of the Legal Statements of the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION.
- Article 12. -** Once the term indicated in the Article 6 of the regulation has elapse, and the Director of the Appeal Committee has not have received response of most of the members of the Committee, will have to ratify the appealed decision, without prejudice of the fact that the President of the Association and/or the Director of the Committee by the transcendence of the matter, demand the issuing of the required opinion to the members of the Committee.

**Article 13. -** The Appeal Committee, within its functions and purposes, has faculty to know and decide on the appeals that could be formulated by discomfort for any decision taken by a fault or breach against the express arrangements of the Legal Statements of the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION.

Are specifically excluded, and therefore are not susceptible of appeal the decisions, those produced by the General Assembly of the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION, that with basis to its attributions and powers that are indicated in the Legal Statements of the Association.

**Article 14. -** All the performances of the Appeal Committee, recommendations and relevant conclusions, will be reported to the Annual General Assembly of the Association in the opportunity in which its meeting is held.

**Article 15. -** The expenses of any nature that could be caused in reason of the negotiations of testimonies request, documents, movements of some member of the Association or Boxing Authority or of the Appeal Committee in full, by what is disposed in Article 5 of this regulation, will be on the account of the Appellant, in no case it could be on the account of the WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION.

**Article 16. -** The Present regulation will be in effect from the same date of its approval by the Directory of the World Boxing Association who will present it at end of the General Assembly. For its modification or amendment will have to be followed the procedure indicated in the Legal Statements of the Association.

**Article 17. -** Once the Director of the Legislative Committee receives the opinions of the members, he will proceed to prepare in writing the

recommendations that will help to make an opinion to the members of the General Assembly for their final decision.

**Article 18. -** What it is established in Article 10 of the present regulation, can used as an extraordinary review resource of the decision of the Appeal Committee before the Ordinary General Assembly, when the importance of the matter recommends it and it is approved by the President of the Association, alleging and producing essential arguments to the resolution of the matter. This extraordinary resource could be interposed within the thirty- (30) business days following the date of the decision. For this resource to be admitted and heard, in addition to complying with the requirements demanded in the Article 58 it will have to be accompanied by a certified check certified for the amount of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (US\$ 2,000.00) currency of the United States of America.

**Article 19. -** The members of the Association, of any class they may be, are compelled to this regulation without reserves, for the only fact of being accepted and recognized as such, or that by this condition they may have received titles or had been granted any distinction, post or denomination, to exercise and previously exhaust all the procedures stipulated in the Legal Statement of the Association and to accept and declare to be submitted without reservation to the decisions issued by the appeal committee in exercise of its attributions and powers whose exclusive and excluding jurisdiction are definitive.

**Article 20. -** The present regulation abolishes the Articles 46, 47, 48 and 49 of the Bylaws of the Association, as well as any other disposition that collides with the present regulation and maintains outstanding the attributive procedures of each Authority, organs and Members of the

Association content in the Constitution, Bylaws and Bylaws of the Association.

**SOLE PARAGRAPH:** From now on and in substitution of the abolished articles with the respective correlation of the existing articles that must be done in Chapter IX, the following Article is inserted to Chapter VIII, after the articles 42, 43, 44 and 45 which are not modified:

**Article 46.-** "The Appeal Committee will know, and decide all the matters and issues that may have solved in exercise of its attributions and powers; and will be object of appeal decisions of the World Championships Committee and the Directory of the Association. Any other matter or issue related to the sanctions, fines, suspensions and abrogate linked and inherent to the Professional boxing activity, given by any other authority, organ, organization or active Member of the Association with faculty for this, will correspond to the President of the Association to his solely judgement to consider and to discuss if the matter or issue has to be known or reviewed by the Appeal Committee.

**SOLE PARAGRAPH:** As consequence of the derogation of Articles that precede Arts. 50, 51, 52 and 53 of CHAPTER IX of the Bylaws, will become correlatively Articles 47, 48, 49 and 50.

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